



News Release

Saskatoon Health Region Lauds Government Investment in Health

(March, 18, 2009), Saskatoon – Saskatoon Health Region commends the Government of Saskatchewan for its investment in health care in our community for 2009-10.

"Today's provincial budget announcement of \$758 million in operational money and another \$200 million for planning and construction of a new provincial children's hospital in Saskatoon, will take Saskatoon Health Region another step closer in achieving its vision of healthiest people, healthiest communities and exceptional service," says Jim Rhode, Chair, Saskatoon Regional Health Authority. "We especially look forward to working with the Ministry of Health, other health regions, Children's Health and Hospital Foundation, our staff and most importantly patients and families related to the new Children's Hospital for our province."

Maura Davies, President and CEO of Saskatoon Health Region, says the new Children's Hospital "will enable us to provide exceptional care to the children of Saskatchewan in an environment that supports safer, more patient and family centered care."

With today's provincial budget announcement, Saskatoon Health Region will develop its operational and capital plans for 2009-10. These plans will come forward for approval by the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority at a public meeting later this spring.

Saskatoon Health Region's 12,000 employees, in partnership with more than 800 physicians, provide services and programs ranging from hospital and long term care to home care and public health services to almost 300,000 regional residents and thousands of others from across the province. As part of an academic health sciences community, Saskatoon Health Region works with various educational institutions in providing training opportunities to future health care professionals and supports health research.

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