A medical industry perspective – supporting small business, the economic engine of Canada

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Submission to the Department of Finance consultation on tax planning using private corporations

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THIRD-PARTY FORMS
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RATIONAL

In Canada’s universal health care system, the role of general practitioners (GPs) is often the first point of contact in illness or injury. Therefore, it is essential that the physician’s role in the provision of third-party forms, such as Short-Term Illness Certificates, is clearly defined and understood. This policy document aims to clarify the physician’s role in the provision of third-party forms and to promote best practices in their use.

SCOPE OF POLICY

The scope of this policy applies to all third-party forms that are generated by physicians in the course of their practice. It addresses the role of the physician in providing these forms, the standards and guidelines for their use, and the responsibilities of the physician, patient, and insurance provider.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Physicians should:

1. Provide third-party forms only in the course of their practice.
2. Maintain accurate and complete medical records for all third-party forms.
3. Ensure that third-party forms are used in accordance with the policy guidelines.

The physician’s role in third-party forms is to provide accurate, complete, and timely information to support the compensation process. This role should be consistent with the best interests of the patient and the integrity of the medical profession.