



COLLEGE OF
NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS

October 27, 2015

Re: Important Information about Health Profession Corporations

Dear Dr. [LAST NAME], ND:

The College is updating its Health Profession Corporation records as part of implementing our electronic records system. Health Profession Corporations are regulated under Part 4 of the *Health Professions Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 183 (the “*Act*”), and Part 7 of the College’s Bylaws. Confirmation of the corporations’ compliance will be required for the 2016 permit renewal.

Registrants are reminded that:

- 1. No corporation, other than a Health Profession Corporation holding a valid permit issued by the College under section 43(1) of the *Act*, may carry on the business of providing naturopathic medical services;**
- 2. Health Profession Corporations must remain in compliance with the requirements and conditions set out at section 43(1) of the *Act* at all times; and**
- 3. The College must be advised in writing of any change(s) to the information provided in any application for a Health Profession Corporation permit or permit renewal per sections 91(2) and 93(3) of the College’s bylaws.**

Registrants who violate provisions of the *Act* and bylaws concerning Health Profession Corporations may face severe penalties. Under section 44(1) of the *Act*, the College’s board may, after a hearing, revoke a permit issued by it to a Health Profession Corporation under a number of circumstances. For example, the College’s board may, after a hearing, revoke a Health Profession Corporation permit if the corporation ceases to comply with a requirement or condition set out at section 43(1) of the *Act*. As an alternative to revoking a permit, the board may also reprimand one or more shareholders of the corporation, or impose a fine of up to \$10,000 on the corporation.

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The College cannot provide legal, business, or taxation advice. Registrants may wish to obtain advice and assistance from a lawyer regarding their obligations in establishing a Health Profession Corporation. Further information about Health Profession Corporations may be found at <http://www.cnpbc.bc.ca/forregistrants/resources/health-profession-corporations/>.

If you have questions regarding Health Profession Corporations, please feel welcome to contact the College. We thank you in advance for your anticipated patience and compliance as we move into the next phase of this project.

Yours truly,

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