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## Membership Advisory

### Vital Statistics Criteria for Birth Certificate Amendments Related to Sex Designation

The College was notified by eHealth Saskatchewan of a February 22, 2016 Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench Consent Order that has led to a change in the Vital Statistics Act criteria relating to the listing of "sex designation" on birth certificates. Adults wishing to amend their sex designation on their birth certificate are no longer required to provide evidence of gender reassignment surgery. Consultation will occur in regard to the criteria and the legislation, and the revised criteria will be in effect until such time as any amendments are made as a result of consultation.

The revised criteria provided by eHealth are as follows:

#### Revised Criteria for Change of Sex Designation on a Birth Registration

*Individuals no longer need to provide proof to eHealth Vital Statistics that they have undergone gender reassignment surgery to apply for a change of sex designation on their birth registrations.*

*To apply for a change to the designation of sex on your birth certificate, you must be 18 years of age, or older, and born in Saskatchewan, and must provide eHealth Vital Statistics with the following:*

1. *A statutory declaration completed by the individual (the applicant) and signed before a commissioner for oaths or notary public that sets out the following:*
  - *The applicant's name as it currently appears on the birth registration and any legal change of name;*
  - *The applicant's date of birth;*
  - *The applicant's mailing address, telephone number and email address (if one is available);*
  - *The change to the sex designation being requested; and*
  - *A statement that the applicant has assumed, identifies with, and intends to maintain the gender identity that corresponds with the requested change to the sex designation.*
  
2. *A letter from a physician or a psychologist, who is registered as a member of a College within Saskatchewan (e.g. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan or the Saskatchewan College of Psychologists) and is licensed to practice within Saskatchewan, or who is registered as a member of a College within another Canadian jurisdiction and is licensed to practice within that jurisdiction, which sets out the following:*

- *The name, address, telephone number and other contact information for the physician or psychologist, which may be on the physician's or psychologist's letterhead;*
- *That the physician or psychologist is a practicing member in good standing in a Canadian jurisdiction and includes his/her license number;*
- *The applicant's name and date of birth;*
- *That the physician or psychologist has treated or evaluated the applicant;*
- *That in the physician's or psychologist's opinion, the applicant identifies with and is maintaining the gender identity that corresponds with the requested amendment to the sex designation on the birth registration; and*
- *That the physician or psychologist is of the opinion that the change of sex designation on the birth registration is appropriate.*

*If an applicant resides outside Canada and is unable to provide a letter from a physician or psychologist in Canada, Vital Statistics may be able to accept supporting documentation from a physician or psychologist outside of Canada.*

*The physician or psychologist must provide proof that they are licensed to practice in another jurisdiction and are in good standing within that jurisdiction. Vital Statistics will address such applications on a case-by-case basis.*

3. *The fee to change a registration, which is \$20.00.*
4. *The fee for a birth certificate, which is \$25.00.*

*If eHealth Vital Statistics is satisfied that these four criteria have been met, then the applicant's birth registration will be amended and a new birth certificate with the changed sex designation will be issued to them.*

*Applicants will need to return any previously issued birth certificates or certified copies of their birth registrations, to eHealth Vital Statistics.*

Members are encouraged to contact eHealth Saskatchewan Vital Statistics with any questions [vsregistrar@ehealthsask.ca](mailto:vsregistrar@ehealthsask.ca).