Strategic Priorities

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To: College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan – for distribution to primary care physicians

Re: LINK – the provincial non-urgent telephone consultation service

LINK (Leveraging Immediate Non-urgent Knowledge) is a telephone consultation service that makes it easier for primary care providers to consult with specialists about less serious patient conditions.

To access LINK, call **1-844-855-LINK (5465)** to request a LINK call with one of the following specialties:

- Adult Psychiatry
- Palliative Care
- Nephrology
- Infectious Disease (starting on July 3, 2018)

LINK was created as part of the health system's commitment to improve access to specialty care. It's becoming the new physician lounge. Specialists reported that calls were often answered immediately (while the patient was still in the office) or were returned within 15 minutes. Most calls only took about 10 minutes.

Visit the <u>LINK Brochure</u> for more information.

Should you have questions or want more information about the service, please contact Cathy Zhao, Sr. Project Manager, at <u>LINK@health.gov.sk.ca</u> or 1-306-787-3556. /iMIS/Documents/LINK Brochure-2018 06 06.pdf Sincerely,

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