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News Release

SASKDOCS APPLAUDS FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO EVALUATE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATE (IMG) ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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SASKATOON – saskdocs (Physician Recruitment Agency of Saskatchewan) welcomes the funding announced today by Hon. Leona Aglukkaq, Federal Minister of Health and Hon. Don McMorris, Minister of Saskatchewan Health to evaluate the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment (SIPPA) process.

“This is great news,” said CEO Ed Mantler. “saskdocs has been working with medical trainees here at home and abroad connecting them with communities and health regions here in the province. While making these connections is important, we also help welcome the many IMGs who now call Saskatchewan home through SIPPA. These dollars and this project will only help in that regard.”

Almost half of the practicing physicians in Saskatchewan received their medical training abroad. In the rural areas, a full three-quarter of practicing physicians are IMG’s. While saskdocs continues with its recruitment and retention efforts it very much appreciates the contributions IMGs are making to the province and looks forward to more of them calling Saskatchewan home as the evaluation progresses.

“saskdocs will continue to work with the College of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, Health Canada and the Government of Saskatchewan to help evaluate SIPPA through this newly funded project,” said Mantler. “In the meantime we will also make sure we do our part by helping regional recruiters and community representatives connect with the IMGs throughout the entire SIPPA process. Many of these people have picked up and moved from far away, the very least we can do is help make them feel welcome.”

More information on SIPPA is available from our website www.saskdocs.ca.

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