

The CDHM would like to inform its registrants of the following continuing competency activity being offered by Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors.

Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors has developed the following three Personal Health Information Act (PHIA) online training programs primarily for private practitioners and their staff:

1. Direct PHI Version - for health professionals and their staff who are required to access personal health information in providing care and services to patients and clients;
2. Indirect PHI Version – for individuals who are not required to access personal health information in carrying out their duties, but may have access to it, including for example custodial staff; and
3. Administrator Version – for office managers and IT administrators of a private professional practice who are responsible for developing office policies and procedures.

The CDHM will accept completion of the Direct PHI version as an acceptable continuing competence activity as long as it supports the achievement of one’s continuing competency goal. Activities should demonstrate a mixture of learning relevant to the goal; and current or future practice. Please keep in mind that the CDHM recommends 10-15 hours per goal.

You can access the training versions noted above at:

<http://www.trainingtodo.com/mbhealth/secure/index.asp>.

In addition to the training program, revised Guidelines have been approved respecting the legislated requirement for the creation and auditing of Records of User Activity by trustees that maintain personal health information in an electronic information system (ex: an electronic patient record or electronic medical record). . For your reference, the new Guidelines are available on the MHLS website at:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/phia/docs/rua.pdf>

Finally, MHLS has developed a list of the policies and procedures required by trustees, including health professionals in private practice, to comply with PHIA. This list and other PHIA resources are available on the MHLS website at:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/phia/resources.html>.

Please feel free to contact the Legislative Unit of Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors at 204-788-6612 or by email at PHIAinfo@gov.mb.ca with any questions or requests for further information on any of the above-noted matters.