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Ms. Julie Fraser, RN MN  
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Dear Ms. Fraser:

Thank you for your letter of March 4, 2014, regarding the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) 2014/2015 – 2015/2016 Service Plan reference to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (CPSBC) being identified as the regulatory body Government will work with regarding changes to nurse practitioner (NP) scope of practice.

I wish to confirm that it was an administrative error which incorrectly identified the CPSBC as the regulatory body for NPs, rather than the College of Registered Nurses of BC (CRNBC) in the Budget announcement and corresponding Ministry of Health 2014/15-2015/16 Service Plan.

I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry has added an "Erratum" note to the Ministry Service Plan that identifies and corrects the error, which is now updated on the Budget 2014 website at: [www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2014/sp/pdf/ministry/hlth.pdf](http://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2014/sp/pdf/ministry/hlth.pdf).

A more detailed description of the Ministry's strategy, and its background, can also be found in the Ministry's new planning guide document *Setting Priorities for the BC Health System*, available on the Ministry's website at:  
[www.health.gov.bc.ca/library/publications/year/2014/Setting-priorities-BC-Health-Feb14.pdf](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/library/publications/year/2014/Setting-priorities-BC-Health-Feb14.pdf).

I trust that the correction to the Service Plan and subsequent documents will address the concerns you raised in your letter. I appreciate your understanding.

Yours truly,

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