

**REGULATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS NETWORK REGULATIONS**  
made under subsection 15(1) of the *Regulated Health Professions Network Act*  
S.N.S. 2012, c. 48

**PART I: INTERPRETATION**

**Citation**

- 1 These regulations may be cited as the *Regulated Health Professions Network Regulations*.

**Definitions for Act and Regulations**

**2 In these regulations:**

"public representative" means a person who is not a member of any regulated health profession;

**PART II: COLLABORATIVE REGULATORY PROCESSES**

**4 Scope of Practice**

- (1) Where a Network member seeks to modify the scope of practice of that member's health profession using the process under section 18 of the Act, the Network member seeking the modification must:
- (a) notify the Network's administrator;
  - (b) consult with the Network member or members with scopes of practice that include the requested modification;
  - (c) where agreement is reached with the Network members under clause (b), consult with all other members of the Network respecting the proposed modification;
  - (d) following agreement with the Network members under clause (b) and consultation with all members of the Network, consult with other relevant stakeholders including representatives of provincial associations, organizations and unions that represent or advocate on behalf of members of professions who may be affected by the proposed modification, and allow at least 30 days for receipt of feedback from such stakeholders;
  - (e) provide notice of the proposed modification to the public by way of publication on the Network's website, and allow at least 30 days for receipt of feedback from the public;
  - (f) advise the Minister of the proposed modification, the consultation process followed, and the feedback received; and

- (g) consult with any additional stakeholders identified by the Minister in the manner directed by the Minister.
- (2) Where agreement is not reached with the relevant Network members pursuant to clause (1)(b), the process shall end.
- (3) Where agreement is reached with the relevant Network members pursuant to clause (1)(b) and the process set out in clauses(1)(c) to (g) has been completed, the Minister may:
  - (a) recommend the modification in scope of practice to Governor-in-Council for approval; or
  - (b) deny the proposed changes with reasons.
- (4) For purposes of subsections (1) to (3), “Minister” shall include the Minister of Health and Wellness and the Minister of Community Services, where the proposed modification involves the Nova Scotia Association of Social Workers.

## **5 Collaborative Registration Review Process**

- (1) The Executive Committee shall appoint a Registration Review Committee, the membership of which consists of:
  - (a) one public representative;
  - (b) at least one member of the health profession from which the appeal is brought; and
  - (c) at least one member of a health profession who is not a member of the profession from which the appeal is brought.
- (2) The Executive Committee shall appoint one member of the Registration Review Committee as the chair of the committee.
- (3) A quorum of the Registration Review Committee consists of a majority of the committee appointed pursuant to subsection (1), and must include the person appointed under clause (1)(b).
- (4) Failure of one or more Registration Review Committee members to receive any notice of a meeting does not invalidate the proceedings at the meeting and nothing precludes the members from waiving notice of the meeting.
- (5) All Registration Review Committee decisions require the vote of a majority of the quorum appointed pursuant to subsection (3).
- (6) No member of the Registration Review Committee shall concurrently serve on the committee that made the decision under appeal.

- (7) Where a health profession's statute does not provide for an internal review within the meaning of the *Fair Registration Practices Act*, the process set out in subsections (9) to (14) shall be followed;
- (8) Where an appellant wishes to appeal a registration or licensing decision that is subject to a review or appeal process under that member's governing statute:
  - (a) the appellant must give notice of the appeal to the respondent Network member within the timelines and in the manner set out in the governing statute; and
  - (b) the appellant and the respondent Network member must agree to use the collaborative registration review process before such process can be invoked.
- (9) Where the collaborative registration review process is to be followed pursuant to subsections (7) or (8), the respondent Network member must immediately notify the Executive to request the appointment of a Registration Review Committee.
- (10) The Registration Review Committee shall determine the process to be used for the review, and shall determine whether the review process will include written or oral submissions before the committee.
- (11) The Registration Review Committee may, in its discretion, allow the introduction of new evidence that was not before the respondent Network member, under such terms as the committee determines.
- (12) The Registration Review Committee, in accordance with the information it receives, may make any determination that, in its opinion, ought to have been made by the respondent Network member.
- (13) The Registration Review Committee shall give its decision in writing and provide the decision to the appellant and the Network representative of the respondent Network member.
- (14) The decision of the Registration Review Committee is final and stands in substitution for any review or appeal process available to the appellant under the appellant's governing statute.