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Nova Scotia Legislature

March 8, 2022

Premier Tim Houston
Office of the Premier, Nova Scotia

Premier Blaine Higgs
Office of the Premier, New Brunswick

Dear Premiers:

Urgent:

Patients in Cumberland County last week were told their life-saving **renal dialysis** treatment will no longer be available through Vitalité Health Network in New Brunswick. This is causing great alarm amongst patients and their families. My office has numerous messages from upset patients, families, and local politicians. My office has made several phone calls and have not been able to obtain any proof of this stoppage in care. I am requesting your Departments of Health for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to meet urgently to ensure our chronic renal failure patients are not left without access to lifesaving treatment.

Our provinces have shared clinical health services for decades. As per the Canada Health Act, our residents should be able to receive healthcare services in any province or territory in the Country.

Please have someone contact me as soon as possible with accurate information that I can communicate this information to patients and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin'.

Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin

CC: Hon. Michele Thompson, Minister of Health and Wellness – Nova Scotia; Hon. Dorothy Shephard, Minister of Health – New Brunswick; Hon. Tory Rushton, MLA Cumberland South; Fred Gould, Municipal Councillor for Cumberland County