

October, 29, 2016

Ms. Wendy Nicklin
President and Chief Executive Officer
Accreditation Canada

1150 Cyrville Road, Ottawa, ON K1J 7S9

Re: Proposed enhancements Accreditation Canada- Accreditation Standards

Dear Ms. Nicklin;

You recently received a letter from Henrietta Van hule representing the nine Healthcare Safety Associations across Canada asking you to meet with them to discuss the following;

- To identify the standards that require employers (who are accredited under your programs) to provide the evidence of effective staff /workplace and patient safety policies and procedures in the healthcare environments. This request would likely result in adding/amending existing Accreditation Canada standards to be more inclusive of an overall culture of safety and clear on the evidence that is required from employers to show they are effectively managing staff/workplace safety in addition to patient safety.

As members of the Association of Workers Compensation Boards of Canada, Safety and Prevention Committee we support efforts that emphasize consistency in the management of worker health and safety and believe that such efforts represent a benefit to individual organizations and the health care industry as a whole. We therefore endorse this position and encourage you to dialogue with them.

Sincerely;

Safety and Prevention Committee:

WorkSafe BC

Ontario Workplace Safety and Insurance Board

SAFE Work Manitoba

Yukon Worker's Compensation Health and Safety Board

WCB Saskatchewan

Worker's Compensation Board of Nova Scotia

WorkSafe NewBrunswick

Worker's Safety Compensation Commission North West Territories Nunavut