

May 24, 2018

Dear MSA Project Leads and Physician Leads,

I have information to share with you from the Ministry of Health that directly impacts your ability to use SSC Facility Engagement funds to purchase alcohol.

The Ministry advises that any funding provided via the Physician Master Agreement cannot be used to purchase alcohol. This covers all collaborative funding including SSC Facility Engagement funding for Medical Staff Associations' (MSAs) operations and activities.

For incorporated MSAs, this notice falls under [Article 3.3 \(g\) of the Fund Transfer Agreement](#) that annual funds cannot be used to pay for "Prohibited Purposes."

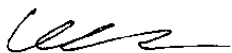
For unincorporated MSAs, Doctors of BC or the Facility Engagement Services Company will not process the payment of alcohol included in any invoices submitted for payment by the MSA from their allocated funding.

Please note this policy also applies to divisions of family practice and has been communicated to their physician leads and executive directors.

Please bring this policy to the attention of your working group members and executives, project leads, staff members and others who may be involved in planning activities. We advise you to either update or create a local policy regarding alcohol purchase, accordingly.

Should you require support for this or have additional questions, Tracy Devenish, Facility Engagement Manager at [tdevenish@doctorsofbc.ca](mailto:tdevenish@doctorsofbc.ca) would be pleased to help you.

Regards,



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