



**Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care
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Dear Amanda Ross-White:

I am writing on behalf of the Honourable Uzoma Asagwara, Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, in response to your letter regarding your concerns about the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technology in Health (CADTH).

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care is dedicated to supporting initiatives that promote health research to ensure the well-being of all Manitobans. To achieve this goal, the department provides collaborative funding to CADTH alongside the other health ministries of federal, provincial, and territorial jurisdictions.

As a funder of CADTH, and supporter of research in Manitoba, the department appreciates the support of CADTH's team in providing health system leaders with evidence-based research on the use of drugs and medical services. As such, your letter has prompted the department to investigate the issue more closely.

The department found that CADTH is undergoing a restructuring to help Canada's drug system be more sustainable for the future. CADTH also informed the department that its recent restructuring efforts have allowed it to scale up in areas and skillsets needed to better support federal, provincial, and territorial health priorities while maintaining a full complement of information specialists who continue to provide the organization with library services. CADTH recognizes the challenges of change but seems confident about moving forward with its decision.

Thank you for expressing your concerns with us and allowing the department to look into the matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Shaffer
Assistant Deputy Minister

c Honourable Uzoma Asagwara