

Chapter 43

Saskatoon Regional Health Authority – Maintaining Medical Equipment

1.0 MAIN POINTS

This chapter reports that Saskatoon Regional Health Authority (Saskatoon RHA) has implemented the recommendation from our 2011 audit of its processes to maintain medical equipment.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

In our *2011 Report – Volume 1*, we concluded that Saskatoon RHA had effective processes to maintain its medical equipment except that it needed to establish written policies and procedures for maintaining its medical equipment. We made one recommendation.

In 2012, we followed up on our 2011 recommendation and concluded that Saskatoon RHA had more work to do.

During 2013, we followed up again to assess management's progress towards implementing our 2011 recommendation.

To conduct this review, we followed the standards for assurance engagements published in the *CPA Handbook - Assurance*. To evaluate Saskatoon RHA's progress towards meeting our recommendations, we used the relevant criteria from the original audit. Saskatoon RHA's management agreed with the criteria in the original audit.

3.0 STATUS OF RECOMMENDATION

In this section, we set out our past recommendation and Saskatoon RHA's action up to July 31, 2013, as well as the status of the recommendation including the date on which the Standing Committee on Public Accounts agreed to the recommendation. We found that Saskatoon RHA has implemented our recommendation.

We recommended that Saskatoon Regional Health Authority establish written policies and procedures for maintaining medical equipment at all of its healthcare facilities. (2011 Report – Volume 1; Public Accounts Committee agreement October 12, 2012)

Status – Implemented

On July 17, 2013, the Board approved comprehensive written policies and procedures relating to management, inspection, maintenance, and repair of Saskatoon RHA's medical equipment.

