



Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region

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Balanced budget approved by health authority

The Mamawetan Churchill River Regional Health Authority approved a balanced operating budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year at its meeting on May 28, 2010.

The budget of \$26,421,186 represents a modest increase of 1.04% from the previous year, and includes funding from the Ministry of Health, other government departments for special projects, and revenue from services such as long term care.

"Accessible and quality health care remains our priority," said Joe Hordyski, Chairperson of the Mamawetan Churchill River Regional Health Authority. "Faced with rising costs, we recognize that the region will have to work hard to achieve its financial goals."

Along with other health regions in the province, the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region will be looking at ways to gain efficiencies through shared purchasing agreements, and reducing overtime and workplace injury costs.

"Because of the size and location of our region, travel costs have always been significant," said Kathy Chisholm, Chief Executive Officer for the health region. "We will be taking advantage of video and teleconferencing more often as one way of reducing costs."

The Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region serves a population of almost 23,000 spread over a large northern geographical region, and has facilities in La Ronge, Creighton, Pinehouse, Sandy Bay and Weyakwin.

The budget will now be presented to the Minister of Health for the Ministry's review and formal approval.

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