

# PETERBOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH

Board of Health

## POLICY AND PROCEDURE

<b>Section:</b> Board of Health	<b>Number:</b> 2-401	<b>Title:</b> Jordan's Principle
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References: <a href="#">Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC, 1989)</a> <a href="#">Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (1982)</a> <a href="#">Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action (2015)</a>		

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### PURPOSE

The Jordan's Principle policy ensures that First Nations and Indigenous children do not experience denials, delays or disruptions of public services that would ordinarily be available to other children due to jurisdictional disputes. This policy is fundamental in achieving equitable treatment of First Nations children relative to other Canadian children.

### POLICY

Jordan's Principle is an essential mechanism for protecting the human, constitutional and treaty rights of First Nations children. This policy helps to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation as outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action. Peterborough Public Health (PPH) shall ensure a child-first approach to jurisdictional funding disputes so as to not prevent or delay First Nations children from accessing available public health services.

All Board of Health Members and staff should be familiar with Jordan's Principle and must keep it in mind whenever dealing with Indigenous clients. By doing so, we can be more aware of the need for Jordan's Principle and the potential challenges that First Nations and Indigenous families face in accessing care for their children.

### PROCEDURE

1. When PPH programs and services are requested or required by First Nations and Indigenous children, the organization shall pay for services for a Status Indian child where that service is available to other children. This service shall be provided without delay or disruption.

2. Matters that involve Jordan's Principle should be referred to the Medical Officer of Health or Directors for appropriate follow-up, reporting and resolution.
3. The organization has the option to refer the matter of payment to a relevant jurisdictional dispute resolution table, where appropriate.
4. Executive will report, on a confidential anonymous basis, back to the Indigenous Health Advisory Circle when referrals have been made, including the results of those applications.

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