

Moving tentative agreement to ratification: Minister Copping and AMA President Dr. Warren

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Minister of Health Jason Copping and Alberta Medical Association (AMA) president Dr. Vesta Michelle Warren issued the following joint statement on a tentative agreement between the province and the AMA:

“We are pleased to announce a tentative agreement package between the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Medical Association.

“We are working together to address the serious challenges facing the health system and the issues brought forward by physicians throughout the province. Interest-based negotiations resulted in productive discussions that focused on our many common interests.

“We share the same goals of stabilizing the health system including the physician practices that are part of infrastructure and targeting other areas of concern. We also want to address Albertans’ health care needs by appropriate processes to work together incorporating physician leadership in a rapidly changing health care system in which patients need the best collaboration we can deliver. We want to extend our gratitude to everyone who has worked over these many months to get us to this moment.

“And, most importantly, we want to thank physicians throughout the province for their dedication and exemplary work to provide high quality care to Albertans during these very challenging times and for providing opportunity for continued collaborative relationships.

“Now is the time for AMA members to have their say. The AMA Board of Directors supports this agreement, and now the AMA will proceed with putting it to a vote. Out of respect for the AMA ratification process, we will not release details on provisions within the agreement to the public at this time.”