

MSI HEALTH CARD RENEWAL FORM AND ORGAN/TISSUE DONATION

Revised Health Card Renewal Form

Please be advised there is an updated version of the Nova Scotia MSI <u>health card renewal form</u>. This form has been updated as a result of the new *Human Organ and Tissue Donation Act* (HOTDA) that is effective January 18, 2021. This form should be used when a Nova Scotia resident's health card has expired. If the card has been expired for more than one year instruct the resident to contact the MSI office to confirm eligibility. The updated form can also be found online at <u>https://novascotia.ca/DHW/msi/health_cards.asp</u>

This form cannot be used for new residents moving to Nova Scotia, to make changes to a residents file such as name, date of birth or gender changes and cannot be used to request duplicate or replacement health cards if lost or stolen. This form cannot be used to renew cards for international students or foreign workers.

Helpful tips to ensure completeness of the renewal form and timely processing:

- Resident must sign the form to confirm they are ordinarily present in NS and to authorize the release of information for payment and audit purposes, this is mandatory to issue a health card.
- A parent or guardian must sign for children under the age of 16.

With implementation of the new legislation, Nova Scotians 19 and over, who are not exempt, will be considered for organ and tissue donation, unless they register their decision to opt out of donation. Nova Scotians can register their decision to opt out of donation by visiting <u>www.novascotia.ca/organtissuedonation</u>.

If you have any questions, please contact MSI Resident Services at 902-496-7008 or toll free at 1-800-563-8880.