

## Bill 36 Packet Script

\* If the Receptionist or Health Professional (HP) is very busy, the script can be shortened.

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. We're providing educational information to all Healthcare Providers regarding Bill 36, the *Health Professions and Occupations Act* passed by the BC Government very quickly and quietly in Nov 2022. It directly affects your clinic and practice. Are you familiar with Bill 36, or even concerned that the BC Gov is overreaching too far how HP's can practice?

*Note: If they say no, then I say the following:*

The majority of the people we have talked with haven't heard of it either. Let me tell you more.

*Note: If they say yes, then I ask the following:* How much have you heard about it?

There are 645 sections to this ACT and only 233 sections were debated in the legislature before it was quickly passed into law. By doing this, the Government violated their own Standing Order section 84 which states that each section must be fully reviewed before passing. This is deeply concerning, isn't it? (*Wait for their answer, then could mention lack of transparency, no debate, HP's like you weren't included in the decision*)

This ACT has many very damaging and concerning effects on BC's Healthcare for British Columbians (*mention 1-2 of the following and make conversation what they think, for example*):

- removes doctor-patient privacy. Without warrant, government can search and seize property and records of a medical/health practice.
- if a HP does not agree with everything the Government says, you can have your license revoked and your practice shut down with fines up to \$200,000 and jail for up to six months.
- Healthcare policies from foreign jurisdictions, bodies and countries can be adopted right here in BC without consultation with the healthcare workers.

**Note: hand them the Bill 36 packet**

I have this package of information I would like to leave with you. It was created by a group of physicians, naturopath doctors, scientists and people just like you. It contains:

1. **Cover letter** – lists all Associations affected, examples of damaging sections of the Act, violations of the Standing Order and BC Constitution Act, link to the Bill 36 and 24-hr info hotline, and action steps you can take.
2. **Poster** – put this up in your waiting room or front entrance door or reception desk visible to your patients.
3. **Postcard for Healthcare Providers** - it is important that each Association receives these from their members. This is your career at stake. Please fill it in and mail to your Association.
4. **Postcard for Patients** – please ask your patients to become informed, and if it aligns for them to please fill in the postcard and put it in the mail. Other medical clinics are offering to put a stamp on their patient postcards.
5. **Flyer** – excellent summary of key information on the Act, including the phone # to call for a doctor's summary of Bill 36, lists all Associations affected, the impacts such as HP's leaving for AB, E.R. closures and long wait times at hospitals for health care. There is a link and a QR code to the Act so that you can fact check this information. It clearly shows crucial action steps to take for both doctors/health practitioners and patients.

All of these Bill 36 materials are available to download and read online at [CSSEM.org/Bill36](https://www.cssem.org/Bill36), from the Canadian Society for Science & Ethics in Medicine – a large group of doctors in BC.

We also have a Repeal **Bill 36 petition** that will be presented to the BC Legislature by MLA John Rustad in the fall. Would you like to sign the petition? If not, can we leave a copy of the petition with you to pass around your office and even take home to family friends to sign. This is a public petition (not just for HP's) and must be completed directly on paper, not electronically. This exact page must be used.

The address to mail completed original hard copy petitions (18 signatures/page) is Attn: MLA John Rustad, PO Box 421, Vanderhoof, BC V0J 3A0

Anyone of any age in BC can sign the petition no matter their age. If you make photocopies of the petition, please copy both pages, and ensure that the prayer at the top of the petition remains intact as it is a legal prayer and if removed, the petition will not be accepted by the legislature.

If you'd like more patient postcards, you can either have them printed (just download from the CSSEM website) or reach out to me – my email/cell# is \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for your time and have a wonderful day.

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NOTE: The odd time you may get asked the following question by people.

1. Q: "For what reason would the government want our personal and private medical records?"

A: "Now that's a great question! What IS the reason why the Government is so desperate to have access to our private medical records that they would be so motivated to pass a law to give them the right to access? What truly is the Governments Motive for this? This is the question we all should be asking the government."

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Keep track of all clinics visited with a simple delivery sheet of paper or an Excel sheet (whichever is easiest).

1. Create columns on your delivery sheet:
  - a. Healthcare provider full name, address, tel#, occupation, what was left at office. If leaving a petition sheet, consider asking if it is okay to call or visit to follow-up in a couple weeks.
2. Perform online searches, and INFOtel and Telus directories to find HP's in your area.
  - a. Enter HP office names onto your sheet.
  - b. HP names are often listed in "Meet our Team" or "About Us" - write down their full names
  - c. Physician's directory by community: <https://www.cpsbc.ca/public/registrant-directory>
  - d. Dentist's directory: <https://portal.oralhealthbc.ca/home/registrant-lookup#/lookup/dentists>
  - e. Links to other directories (optometrists, chiropractors, massage therapists, etc.):  
<https://bchealthregulators.ca/about-bc-health-regulators/member-colleges/>

Tips:

- List the addresses in a logical order of driving for an easy to follow a route to avoid backtracking.
- Healthcare provider offices may not be on your list while out travelling. Write these down on your sheet. Some health providers may have retired, moved or are no longer there.
- To ensure that each HP receives their own personalized copy of the Bill 36 information, write each name on their package (and your tracking sheet). Ask the receptionist to give it to each person. One poster is needed for the reception area, but each provider can place a poster in their own office.
- Names listed on the main entrance door: take time to write each name on the package before entering the office. Write names on your tracking sheet to update the list later for recording each package.
- You likely can only talk with the receptionist, but it's optimal to talk directly to the HP.
- By asking if heard of Bill 36, this collects data by noting on your tracking sheet column Yes or No. So far, approx. 90% of the HP's have not heard of Bill 36.
- Remain respectful of time. Sticking to the facts in a clear and simple manner is key to successfully obtaining interest and attention. There will be times when they are so busy that they will ask you to just leave the package with them without you being able to tell them anything about the Bill/ACT.
- Often HP's do thank us for what we are doing and give us encouragement to continue with our education on Bill 36 (HPOA). These packages allow them to also share information.
- Most importantly, be yourself – share with kindness, use your voice. You'll find it's very rewarding.