

Proposed Regulations and Regulatory Amendments to enable the Implementation of the Patients First Act, 2016

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is proposing regulatory changes under a number of statutes in support of implementing the *Patients First Act, 2016* (PFA).

It is proposed that these new regulations and amendments come into effect on May 1, 2017 to align with the expected timing of the first Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) to Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) transfer authorized under the PFA.

The following are proposed regulations and amendments to support continuity of patient care and enable LHINs to provide or assist in providing health care to individuals as the CCACs currently do:

R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 552, General under the *Health Insurance Act*

1. Amend Reg. 552 to add a reference to recipients of professional home care services that are provided or arranged by a LHIN in describing who is eligible to be exempt from paying the insured ambulance services co-payment.

O.REG. 386/99 – Provision of Community Services under the *Home Care and Community Services Act, 1994* (HCCSA)

2. Amend O.Reg. 386/99 to add references to LHINs where CCACs are referenced, enable current CCAC Community Support Services (CSS) service provider contracts to be “grand-parented”, and limit the LHINs to contracting with non-profit entities for the delivery of CSS. Once the transfer of CCACs to LHINs is complete, the references to CCACs will be revoked.

Create Regulation(s) under HCCSA

3. Create regulation(s) to enable current CCAC direct funding agreements to be “grand-parented” to the LHINs, and specify the community services to be funded by LHINs to provide direct funding to or on behalf of individuals for existing direct funding agreements.

O.REG. 179/95: Conveyance of Assets under HCCSA

4. Amend O.Reg. 179/95: Conveyance of Assets to exempt LHINs from this regulation.

O.REG. 79/10: General under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*

5. Amend section 153 of Regulation 79/10 under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007* to allow a local health integration network to be eligible for designation as a placement co-ordinator for admissions to long-term care homes. Once the transfer of CCACs to LHINs is complete, the references to CCACs will be revoked.

O.REG. 201/96, General under the *Ontario Drug Benefit Act*

6. Amend O.Reg. 201/96 to specify that recipients of professional home care services that are provided or arranged by a LHIN are eligible persons under the Ontario Drug Benefit

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program. Once the transfer of CCACs to LHINs is complete, the reference to professional home care services being provided or arranged by a CCAC will be revoked.

O.REG. 387/07, Prescribed Bodies, Crown as Employer under the *Pay Equity Act*.

7. Amend O.Reg. 387/07 so that the Crown will not be considered the employer of the LHIN employees under the *Pay Equity Act* in order to help facilitate the continuation of pay equity plans that cover CCAC employees upon transfer to the LHIN.

The following are other proposed regulations and amendments to enable implementation of changes in the PFA:

O.REG. 445/10, General under the *Excellent Care for All Act, 2010 (ECFAA)*

8. Amend O.Reg. 445/10 to make changes necessary to support the proclamation into force of amendments to the *Excellent Care for All Act, 2010* that will confer authority on Health Quality Ontario to retain assets and revenues outside the consolidated revenue fund.

O.REG. 187/15: Annual Quality Improvement Plan under ECFAA

9. Amend O.Reg. 187/15 to require health care organizations to include in their Quality Improvement Plans indicators specified by the Minister relating to accessibility, appropriateness, effectiveness, efficiency, equity, integration, patient centredness, population health, quality of care, and patient and provider safety.

The following are housekeeping amendments:

O.REG. 387/07, Prescribed Bodies, Crown as Employer under the *Pay Equity Act*.

10. Amend O.Reg. 387/07 to update certain corporate names.

R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 552, General under the *Health Insurance Act*

11. Amend Reg. 552 under the *Health Insurance Act* to replace a reference to an obsolete statute with a reference to the appropriate in-force statute.

O.REG. 445/10, General under the *Excellent Care for All Act, 2010*

12. Amend O.Reg. 445/10 to delete s.3(4) that relates to sections of the Act which have been repealed, and provide for an updated reference to the *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010*.