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CONSULTATION DRAFT

ONTARIO REGULATION

to be made under the

CONNECTING CARE ACT, 2019

ONTARIO HEALTH TEAMS

Definitions

1. In this Regulation,

“affiliated partner” means a person or entity that is not a constituent member but who collaborates with the Ontario Health Team on local planning and program development activities; (“partenaire affilié”)

“constituent member” means a person or entity that is designated by the Minister as being part of an Ontario Health Team under section 29 of the Act; (“membre constituant”)

“co-ordinating corporation” means the constituent member of an Ontario Health Team that is described in paragraph 1 of section 2; (“organisation coordonnatrice”)

“homemaking services” has the same meaning as in Ontario Regulation 187/22 (Home and Community Care Services) made under the Act; (“services d’aides familiales”)

“nominations committee” means the committee referred to in subparagraph 1 v C of section 2; (“comité des candidatures”)

“personal support services” has the same meaning as in Ontario Regulation 187/22 (Home and Community Care Services) made under the Act; (“services de soutien personnel”)

“professional services” has the same meaning as in Ontario Regulation 187/22 (Home and Community Care Services) made under the Act. (“services professionnels”)

Requirements to designate Ontario Health Team

2. The following are prescribed as additional requirements that must be met in order for the Minister to designate a group of persons or entities as an Ontario Health Team under section 29 of the Act:

1. The Ontario Health Team that is proposed for designation must be proposed to include as one of its constituent members a not-for-profit corporation that meets the following requirements:
 - i. It must be incorporated under the *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010*, or have been incorporated under the *Corporations Act* as that Act existed before October 18, 2021.
 - ii. It must be established for the primary purpose of promoting collaboration and co-ordinating integrated service activities among the constituent members of the Ontario Health Team and affiliated partners with the aim of improving patient and population health outcomes, patient and provider experience, value and health equity.
 - iii. Its by-laws must provide that the composition of its board of directors include members who are selected based on their possession of experience and competencies that are necessary for the effective management of the co-ordinating corporation, including experience and competencies in the following areas:
 - A. Financial risk management and audits.
 - B. Corporate governance and accountability.
 - C. Quality and performance improvement.
 - D. Integrated care and co-ordination.
 - E. The provision of clinical care directly to patients
 - F. Population health management.
 - G. Equity, diversity and inclusion.
 - H. Patient, family and caregiver engagement.
 - iv. Its by-laws must require that at least one voting member of the board of directors be a clinician who is selected by the primary care network referred to in paragraph 2.

- v. Its by-laws must provide for the establishment of standing committees to assist the board in addressing, at a minimum,
 - A. auditing, finance and risk management,
 - B. quality and performance, and
 - C. nominations.
- vi. Its by-laws must require that the nominations committee not be limited to individuals who are members of the co-ordinating corporation's board of directors.
- vii. Its by-laws must require that the nominations committee be responsible for identifying and vetting potential nominees who meet the experiences and competencies referred to in subparagraph iii and any other requirements provided for in the by-laws.
- viii. Its by-laws must provide that only nominees recommended by the nominations committee and approved by the board are eligible to be voted upon and elected as directors at the co-ordinating corporation's annual meeting.
- ix. Its by-laws must provide for the establishment of an advisory council composed of patients, families and caregivers to advise the co-ordinating corporation, and that the chair of that council is, by virtue of office, a voting member of the co-ordinating corporation's board of directors.
- x. Its by-laws must provide for the establishment of one or more planning tables that include affiliated partners of the Ontario Health Team to assist the co-ordinating corporation and other constituent members of the Ontario Health team with local planning and program development activities.
- xi. Its by-laws must provide either,
 - A. that the only voting members of the co-ordinating corporation are the constituent members, and that they are voting members of the corporation by virtue of office for so long as they are constituent members, or
 - B. that the only voting members of the co-ordinating corporation are the constituent members together with the members of the board of directors of the corporation, and that they are voting members of the

corporation by virtue of office for so long as they are constituent members or serve as directors, as the case may be.

2. The Ontario Health Team that is being proposed for designation must include a primary care network, being an interprofessional network of primary care providers that performs the following functions:
 - i. Promoting enhanced collaboration and cooperation among primary care providers within the Ontario Health Team.
 - ii. Providing input into the decision-making of the Ontario Health Team's co-ordinating corporation.
 - iii. Supporting clinical change management and population health management approaches amongst primary care providers within the network and within the Ontario Health Team.
 - iv. Facilitating primary care provider access to clinical and digital health supports.
 - v. Supporting primary care health human resource planning within the Ontario Health Team.

3. The persons or entities that would comprise the Ontario Health Team that is being proposed for designation must have submitted a plan to the Minister that includes the following:
 - i. A description of how the proposed Ontario Health Team intends to provide, in an integrated and co-ordinated manner, the services listed in subsection 29 (1) of the Act that the Team is proposing to provide.
 - ii. A readiness and delivery plan indicating how one or more of the constituent members of the proposed Ontario Health Team intends to provide the following home and community care services, contingent on the receipt of funding for those services from the Agency:
 - A. Professional services.
 - B. Personal support services.
 - C. Homemaking services for which the member may not charge or accept payment.

Exemption for Ontario Health Team integration

3. The requirement to provide notice to the Minister in clause 35 (3) (a) of the Act does not apply to an integration that is undertaken for the purpose of,

- (a) seeking a designation by the Minister of an Ontario Health Team under section 29 of the Act; or
- (b) seeking the amendment of an existing designation of an Ontario Health Team by the Minister.

Commencement

4. [Commencement]