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Re: Physician On-Call (POC) 2013/14 Payment Adjustments

Physician On-Call (POC) in Long-Term Care Facilities

Effective April 1, 2013, the funding provided under the POC Program Guidelines has been amended to reflect the following:

S2.2 For the period ending March 31, 2013, the funding to the Home will be determined based on the following:

- (i) \$12,500 annually for homes with 29 beds or less;
- (ii) \$15,000 annually for homes with more than 29 beds and less than 150 beds, or
- (iii) \$100 per bed annually for homes with 150 beds or more.

Funding for the period beginning April 1, 2013 will be calculated based on the following:

- (i) \$12,500 (less \$62.50) annually for homes with 29 beds or less;
- (ii) \$15,000 (less \$75.00) annually for homes with more than 29 beds and less than 150 beds, or
- (iii) \$100 (less \$0.50) per bed annually for homes with 150 beds or more.

As a result of these changes, many Long-Term Care Homes received a one-time payment for fiscal year 2012/13 and in some cases adjustments for fiscal year 2011/12. This payment occurred on December 23, 2013.

Retroactive adjustments for fiscal year 2013/14 are also required to align these payments with the annual funding amounts described above. These adjustments will be processed in two lump sum payments representing the period from April 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 and January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014. It is anticipated that these payments will occur in March 2014.

In accordance with the 2012 Physician Services Agreement (2012 PSA), between the Ontario Medical Association and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care a 0.5% discount has been



applied to physician payments effective April 1, 2013. As per the 2012 PSA, this discount may be reduced if additional savings are identified in the physician services budget.