

INFOBulletin

Keeping health care providers informed of payment, policy or program changes

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Re: Continuing Medical Education Reimbursement Program for Course/Product Expenses Discontinued

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (ministry) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) regularly enter into Physician Services Agreements (PSA) that provide a framework for payments and initiatives related to physician services.

The last PSA expired on March 31, 2014 and the ministry and OMA commenced negotiations for a new PSA in January 2014 in accordance with the OMA Representation Rights and Joint Negotiations and Dispute Resolution Agreement.

To date, the ministry and the OMA have not reached an agreement.

In the absence of a PSA, and as recently announced by the ministry, the ministry is implementing a set of initiatives that will change the funding for certain physician services/programs.

This is to advise you that effective immediately, the Continuing Medical Education (CME) application-based reimbursement program for course/product expenses is discontinued. This change does not impact the Primary Care Continuing Medical Education program (fee codes Q555, Q556 and Q557).

- 2014 CME reimbursement applications for course/product expenses will not be accepted

If you have an inquiry regarding a 2013 CME reimbursement application, please submit a detailed question to cme@ontario.ca.