Subject: Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program for Optometrists

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and the Ontario Association of Optometrists (OAO) have implemented the Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program for optometrists.

1. Purpose of CME Program

The program encourages optometrists to maintain and enhance their skills through continuing education by providing optometrists with financial assistance.

The program provides funding assistance for courses, events, and products, such as scientific textbooks and journals that have been approved by the OAO and that have a continuing optometric education purpose.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Eligible optometrists must meet the following criteria:
- They must be registered to practice optometry in Ontario and
- They must have an active OHIP billing number.

3. Entitlements

Each optometrist who meets the above eligibility criteria is entitled to participate in the CME program for the 2006/2007 fiscal year for pre-approved continuing education components.
4. Program Administration and Application Process

The OAO is responsible for the administration of the CME program, including the approval of eligible courses, events, and products, and allocation of all funds. Directions regarding the application process for program funding approval are posted on the OAO website at [www.optom.on.ca](http://www.optom.on.ca).

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Bulletins and the updated version of the Schedule of Benefits are available on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care website [http://www.health.gov.on.ca](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/).