

Expanding Professional Pharmacy Services to Long-Term Care Homes

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Ontario Public Drug Programs

Working Group on the Expansion of Professional Pharmacy Services to Long-Term Care Homes

Terms of Reference

PURPOSE

To expand professional services for pharmacies that provide services to Long-Term Care homes. Due to the specialized nature of providing service to Long-Term Care homes, the Ministry plans to develop a Long-Term Care (LTC) Working Group consisting of LTC pharmacist-practitioners. Reporting to the Pharmacy Council, the LTC Working Group will assist in the development of Pharmacists' Professional Services to Long-Term Care homes.

SCOPE OF WORK

The working group will provide input to the Executive Officer on the development and implementation of professional services for patients in Long-Term Care homes.

Professional Services in Long-Term Care

In defining potential professional services and levels of reimbursement, the LTC Working Group will:

- define types of professional services programs that are offered by pharmacists who specialize in providing for patients in Long-Term Care homes
- take into consideration services defined in contractual agreements between the long-term care homes and the pharmacy. (Such services may not be considered professional services for reimbursement.)
- identify any perceived barriers to successful program implementation.
- advise on the communication of the new programs to stakeholder groups.
- provide a report with recommendations to the Ontario Pharmacy Council.

Examination of Operational Issues

Operational issues include items such as:

- fees - define appropriate level of payment
- claims process

ACCOUNTABILITY

- The working group shall report directly to the Pharmacy Council, through the Co-Chairs of the Council.
- Reports and recommendations will be provided to the Council at intervals determined in consultation with the Co-Chairs, and will be in the form of written briefings.

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- Verbal reports may also be made at Council meetings as determined by the Co-Chairs.
- Meetings of the working group will be led by the ministry representative members who will pre-circulate an agenda and any pre-read materials.

MEMBERS

The Working Group will consist of Long-Term Care pharmacist-practitioners, the number of which to be determined by the Ontario Pharmacy Council and the Ministry.

Members

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Elaine Maloney, Ontario Public Drug Programs
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With consultation between the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Long-Term Health Programs Policy & Standards Branch and the Performance Improvement & Compliance Branch, the Ontario Long-Term Care Physician's Association, the Ontario Long-Term Care Association, the **Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors** and the Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres as required.

MEETING SCHEDULE

- The working group can anticipate its first meeting in the summer, 2007, and will meet thereafter approximately every 4 weeks, at a mutually agreeable time.
- Members of the working group will be provided with at least 3 week(s) notice by electronic mail prior to every scheduled meeting.
- Meetings will be held in person, though members may attend by teleconference as needed.
- It is anticipated that the working group will remain in existence for a minimum 4 month period, ending in early 2008 or as determined by the Pharmacy Council.