

September 30, 2008

NOTICE FROM EXECUTIVE OFFICER: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO REVIEW THE DEFINITION OF PROFESSIONAL ALLOWANCE AND THE CODE OF CONDUCT

This is to provide notice that we are beginning a review of the definition of "professional allowance" and the Code of Conduct. This will include a review of the current reporting mechanism for professional allowances.

We will be issuing a notice in the coming week for interested stakeholders to provide comments on all aspects of the professional allowance framework including the definition of allowances and the Code of Conduct. To ensure there is adequate time for all interested stakeholders to provide comments, we will allow a two to three month time period for stakeholders to make written submissions to the Executive Officer.

The ministry will review all written submissions and summarize the recommendations made within the reports. Once this work is complete, we will meet with stakeholders to present the recommendations and next steps regarding the use and reporting of professional allowances. It is anticipated that these meetings will take place in February/March 2009.

Outline of Implementation Plan

Subsection 1(11) of O. Reg. 201/96 made under the *Ontario Drug Benefit Act* requires that the Executive Officer of Ontario Public Drug Programs begin a review of the Code of Conduct and of the definition of "professional allowance".

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| ▪ Initiate the review process | Week of September 29, 2008 |
| ▪ Invite stakeholders to provide written submissions | Beginning of October 2008 |
| ▪ Closing date for submissions | Mid-December 2008 |
| ▪ Collation and review of submissions | Early January to February 2009 |
| ▪ Hold follow-up stakeholder meeting | February 2009 |
| ▪ Finalization of review | Between mid to late March 2009 |

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