

Bulletin



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Subject: The Physician Payment Review Board becomes Functional

On March 31, 2010, Schedule 1 of the *Health Insurance Act* (HIA) was proclaimed, enabling the Physician Payment Review Board (PPRB) to become fully functional and perform the duties set out for it in the HIA.

The PPRB is an independent adjudicative agency constituted to conduct reviews of payment disputes between physicians and the General Manager (GM) of the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) upon the request of a physician or the GM. The process for conducting reviews is set out in the HIA and Schedule 1 of the HIA.

The PPRB replaces the Transitional Physician Audit Panel (TPAP) that was established as an interim measure until the PPRB became operational.

The PPRB is an element of the revised medical audit process in keeping with Mr. Peter Cory's recommendations as stated in his "Medical Audit Practice in Ontario" report. The revised medical audit includes:

- Education – a focus on educating and assisting physicians in complying with the billing requirements of OHIP
- OHIP Payment Review Program (OPRP) – a modified continuation of the current program to provide an initial claims review process
- Physician Payment Review Board (PPRB) – a new board independent of the ministry to conduct hearings to resolve a claims dispute if other earlier attempts fail
- Joint Committee on the Schedule of Benefits – a committee to provide its opinion on an interpretation of any of the provisions of the schedule of benefits

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