

**Notice of Proposed Regulation**  
**Under the *Local Health System Integration Act, 2006***  
**Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Aboriginal Community**  
**Engagement Regulation**

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## **Introduction**

The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, on behalf of the Government of Ontario, invites public comments on a proposed regulation made under the *Local Health System Integration Act, 2006 (LHSIA)*.

The Lieutenant Governor in Council is authorized under the Act to make regulations pertaining to Local Health Integration Networks' (LHINs) Aboriginal community engagement activities.

Under the Act, the Minister is required to publish a notice of the proposed regulation and allow at least 60 days for public comment.

## **Overview of the Legislation**

*LHSIA* received Royal Assent on March 28, 2006. The legislation establishes an integrated health system to improve the health of Ontarians through better access to health services, coordinated health care and effective and efficient management of the health system at the local level by LHINs.

## **Proposed Regulation under the *Local Health System Integration Act, 2006***

The proposed regulation provides guidelines to the LHINs regarding their Aboriginal community engagement activities. Each LHIN is required to establish a committee that is representative of the Aboriginal peoples and communities within the LHIN's geographic boundaries, and may include:

- First Nations
- Inuit
- Métis
- Representatives of on-reserve organizations
- Representatives of off-reserve organizations
- Representatives of Aboriginal health service provider organizations
- Representatives of Aboriginal community organizations
- Representatives of Aboriginal women's organizations

Two or more LHINs may jointly establish one committee, if after conferring with Aboriginal peoples and communities in their areas, they determine that the members of the committee appropriately represent the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and communities in the area(s) that they serve.

The LHIN will engage with the committee on:

- The health needs and priorities of the local Aboriginal population and;
- Health care service delivery issues affecting Aboriginal peoples and communities within the area.

Each LHIN will report on the content, frequency and format of Aboriginal community engagement activities in its annual report.

A copy of the proposed regulation is attached as Schedule "A."

### **Invitation to Provide Written Comments**

Interested parties are invited to make written comments on the proposed regulation on or before **Friday September 26, 2008**. When preparing a response, please be as specific as possible and provide a rationale for any proposed changes to the draft regulation.

### **Submit Written Comments to:**

LHIN Aboriginal Community Engagement Regulation  
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care  
80 Grosvenor St., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hepburn Block, Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1R3  
Fax: (416) 314-5517  
Email: [LHINAboriginalCommunityEngagement.MOH@ontario.ca](mailto:LHINAboriginalCommunityEngagement.MOH@ontario.ca)

The proposed regulation is provided in both English and French. We welcome comments in either language.

The Minister will consider comments received on or before **Friday September 26, 2008**. The final regulation is at the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Please note that unless requested and agreed otherwise by the Ministry, all materials or comments received from individuals or organizations will be considered public information and may be used and disclosed by the Ministry to assist the Ministry in evaluating and revising the proposed draft regulation. This may involve disclosing materials or comments, or summaries of them, to other interested parties during and after the request for public comments.

An individual who provides materials or comments and who indicates an affiliation with an organization will be considered to have submitted those comments or materials on behalf of the organization so identified.

A copy of *LHSIA* is available from Publications Ontario, 50 Grosvenor Street, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1N8 or from <http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca>

Additional information is available on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's website at [www.health.gov.on.ca](http://www.health.gov.on.ca)

## **SCHEDULE “A”**

### **DRAFT - FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION ONLY**

**This draft regulation is provided solely to facilitate public consultation. Should the decision be made to proceed with the proposal, the comments received during consultation will be considered during the final preparation of the regulation. The content, structure and form of the draft regulation are subject to change as a result of the consultation process.**

## **ONTARIO REGULATION**

made under the

### **LOCAL HEALTH SYSTEM INTEGRATION ACT, 2006**

#### **ENGAGEMENT WITH ABORIGINAL PEOPLES AND COMMUNITIES UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE ACT**

##### **Committee established**

**1.** (1) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), each local health integration network shall establish a committee for the purposes of engaging the community about the local health system under section 16 of the Act.

(2) A committee established under subsection (1) shall consist of the individuals whom the local health integration network appoints and who represent the diversity of the Aboriginal peoples and communities in the geographic area of the network, which may include, as appropriate for those peoples and communities, First Nations, Inuit, Métis, representatives of on-reserve and off-reserve organizations, representatives of Aboriginal health service providers and Aboriginal community and women’s organizations.

(3) Two or more local health integration networks may jointly establish a committee under subsection (1) if each of the networks considers that the members of the committee appropriately represent the Aboriginal peoples and communities in its geographic area, after having conferred with those peoples and communities in its geographic area about the establishment of the committee.

(4) If two or more local health integration networks jointly establish a committee under subsection (3), the reference to the local health integration network in subsection (2) shall be read as a reference to each of the networks that jointly establish the committee.

### **Community engagement**

2. For the purposes of engaging the community about the local health system under section 16 of the Act, each local health integration network shall engage the committee established under section 1 for the geographic area of the network to advise the network on,

(a) the health needs and priorities of the Aboriginal peoples and communities in the area; and

(b) health care service delivery issues affecting the Aboriginal peoples and communities in the area.

### **Reporting**

3. Each local health integration network shall report, in its annual report, on its engagement activities described in section 2, including the content, frequency and format of the activities.

### **Commencement**

4. **This Regulation comes into force on the day it is filed.**