

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

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 section 16 of the *Local Health System Integration Act, 2006 (LHSIA)*.

The Act allows the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make regulations about the ways in which Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) engage their communities. *LHSIA* also identifies community engagement processes for Francophone and Aboriginal communities.

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 Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs).

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

The proposed regulation requires each LHIN to establish a committee no later than six months after the regulation comes into force in order to engage the Francophone community on the local health system.

The LHIN will appoint members to the committee who represent the local diversity of the Francophone community and who are also involved or impacted by the local health system.

Members of the committee will be involved with organizations that are connected to the community and that are involved in the planning and delivery of health care services in the local area. These include, but are not limited to:

- Community organizations
- Schools, colleges and universities
- Members of regulated health professions
- Health service providers

Two or more LHINs may jointly establish one committee, if after conferring with the Francophone community, they determine that the members of the committee adequately represent the diversity of the Francophone community in the area(s) that they serve.

The LHIN will ask for the committee's advice on the following topics:

- How to best engage the local Francophone community and stakeholders to inform local health system planning;
- The health needs of the Francophone community in the area served by the LHIN;
- How to improve access, accessibility and integration of French language health services;
- Methods for taking into account the need to provide services to the Francophone community;
- Identifying and designating health service providers for the provision of French language health services.

Each LHIN will report on the content, frequency and format of its Francophone community engagement activities, the membership of the committee and the fulfilment of the committee's mandate 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 provide written comments on the proposed regulation on or before November 12, 2008. When preparing your response, please be as specific as possible and provide a rationale for any proposed changes.

Submit Written Comments to:

LHIN Francophone Community Engagement Regulation
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Equity Unit, Health System Policy and Relations Branch
Health System Strategy Division
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Hepburn Block, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1R3

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

The Minister will consider comments received on or before **November 12, 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 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 comment process.

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 the legislation is available from Publications Ontario, 50 Grosvenor Street, Toronto, ON 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.

SCHEDULE “A”

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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 THE FRANCOPHONE COMMUNITY UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE ACT

Committee established

1.(1) Subject to subsections (4) and (5), no later than six months after this Regulation comes into force, each local health integration network shall establish a committee for the geographic area of the network 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, who represent the diversity of the Francophone community in the geographic area of the network and who are involved in or affected by the local health system.

(3) The individuals appointed to the committee shall include members of the Francophone community and representatives of the health care sectors that have a relationship with the community and that are involved in the planning and delivery of health care in the geographic area, including community organizations, educational institutions, members of regulated health professions and health service providers.

(4) 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 adequately represent the Francophone community in its geographic area, after having conferred with representatives of the Francophone community in that area about the establishment of the committee.

(5) If two or more local health integration networks jointly establish a committee under subsection (4), 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) methods of engaging the Francophone community in the area and persons or bodies who are involved in or affected by the local health system;
- (b) the health needs and priorities of the Francophone community in the area;
- (c) methods for taking into account, as part of integration of the local health system, the need to provide services to the Francophone community in the area;
- (d) strategies to improve access to, accessibility of and integration of French language health services in the local health system; and
- (e) the identification and designation of health service providers for the provision of French language health services in the area.

Reporting

3. Each local health integration network shall report, in its annual report, on the membership of the committee established under section 1 and its engagement activities described in section 2, including the content, frequency and format of the activities and the fulfilment of the committee's mandate.

Commencement

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