

## Notice from the Executive Officer: *Ontario Drug Benefit Act* Regulatory Amendments to Support Homes for Special Care Modernization

September 21, 2017

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with information regarding a proposed amendment to Ontario Regulation 201/96 (made under the *Ontario Drug Benefit Act*) that would, if approved, come into force on January 1, 2018.

The proposed amendment is required to support the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's ("the Ministry's") *Community Homes for Opportunity* ("CHO") program.

The CHO program is part of the Ministry's plan to modernize the Homes for Special Care Program.

A summary of the proposed amendment to the regulation is available on the Regulatory Registry website at:

<http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=24906&language=en>

The proposed amendment would prescribe persons who reside in homes that are part of the CHO program who are insured persons under the *Health Insurance Act* as a class of eligible persons for the purposes of the *Ontario Drug Benefit Act*.

The content of the final regulations are at the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council ("LGIC") who may make the regulations with any changes that the LGIC considers appropriate.

Interested parties are invited to provide written comments on the proposed changes to the regulations as part of the review. The ministry will consider comments received on or before October 19, 2017 at midnight EST ("comment period"). Please be advised that submissions received after the comment period may not be considered.

Please submit your written comments to:

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### Statement about Comments

Unless requested and otherwise agreed to by the ministry, all materials or comments received from organizations in response to the notice will be considered public information and may be used and disclosed by the ministry as part of its review. The ministry may disclose materials or comments, or summaries of them, to other interested parties during and after the comment period.

An individual who makes a submission and who indicates an affiliation with an organization in his or her submission will be considered to have made his or her submission on behalf of the affiliated organization. The ministry will not disclose any personal information contained in a submission of an individual who does not specify an organizational affiliation in his or her submission without the individual's consent unless required by law. However, the ministry may use and disclose the content of the individual's submission to assist the ministry in its review.

If you have any questions about the collection of this information, you can contact the ministry's Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at (416) 327-7040.