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SUBJECT: Update on the Consolidation of Locum Programs at HealthForceOntario Marketing and Recruitment Agency

Under the 2007 Reassessment Agreement, the Government of Ontario and Ontario Medical Association (OMA) agreed to transfer the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) Specialist Respite and Urgent Locum Tenens programs and the OMA administered GP/FP Rural Locum Program to HealthForceOntario Marketing and Recruitment Agency (HFO MRA), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario.

Since October 2006, through the Emergency Department (ED) Coverage Demonstration Project EDCDP, HFO MRA has provided a pool of locum ED physicians to designated hospitals experiencing difficulty covering ED shifts. The consolidation of the MOHLTC and the OMA locums programs and the HFO EDCDP is expected to enhance program delivery for physicians and communities and generate administrative efficiencies. The consolidated locum programs will be known as the Ontario Physician Locum Programs.

The transfer of the GP/FP Rural Locum Program from the OMA to HFO MRA was successfully completed on April 1, 2008. The program parameters are currently unchanged. All enquiries for the Rural Family Medicine Locum Program (formerly called GP/FP Rural Locum Program) with HFO MRA should be directed to locum@healthforceontario.ca, 1-800-596-4046 x 4. Further information can be found at www.healthforceontario.ca

The transfer of the MOHLTC Specialist Respite and Urgent Locum Tenens programs is scheduled to be implemented in the fall of this year. MOHLTC and HFO MRA staff are working together to ensure that there will be minimal disruption to program delivery during the transition. Further details will be provided to physicians, hospitals and clinics as the transfer date approaches. Until that time, all program contacts and procedures remain unchanged.

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