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DATE: February 10, 2021

TO: Ontario Hospitals and Ontario Health

FROM: Patrick Dicteri
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SUBJECT: Temporary Physician Funding for Hospitals During COVID-19
Outbreak – Forecasting of Program Expenditures

Ontario's health system has faced extraordinary challenges since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak and I would like to recognize and express my appreciation for the significant efforts and sacrifices made by hospitals and their physicians during this difficult and unprecedented time.

As the Temporary Physician Funding for Hospitals During COVID-19 program is nearing the end of the fiscal year, I am asking for your assistance with our year-end forecasting exercise. Maintaining an accurate forecasting of program expenditures is critical to the ministry's ongoing efforts to address new and emerging COVID-19 related pressures in the health system.

We are reaching out at this time to ask that hospitals provide a forecast of their anticipated expenditures under this program up to March 31, 2021.

This forecast should include:

- The estimated claims for services already provided but not yet submitted to the LHIN; and
- Any additional anticipated services that will be needed to March 31, 2021 and their estimated total expenditure.

We ask that you please submit this forecast to your LHIN as soon as possible and no later than February 19, 2021 with a cc to healthservicesbranch@ontario.ca.

We ask that even if a hospital has had no expenditures under the program that you please inform the ministry and your LHIN by February 19, 2021.

If there is any reason that your hospital will not be able to submit this information on time, please notify your LHIN immediately.

On behalf of the Ministry of Health, I want to thank you in advance for your cooperation with this request and for your unstinting efforts on behalf of Ontarians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Dicerni". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Patrick" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Dicerni".

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