

**2000 alpha RESOLUTION NO. A00-10**

**TITLE: General Anaesthesia as a Covered Benefit under the Publicly Funded Dental Programs of Ontario Works and the Children In Need Of Treatment (CINOT) Program**

**SPONSOR: Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry**

**WHEREAS** general anaesthesia is essential for the provision of dental treatment for certain children; and

**WHEREAS** the policies of the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, as described in the memorandum of January 10, 2000 to all Ontario dentists, creates a barrier to such treatment; and

**WHEREAS** there are insufficient hospital operating-room facilities to allow sufficient and timely access to such facilities by dentists;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alpha) petition the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to review their policies on the provision of general anaesthesia as a covered benefit under the dental program of Ontario Works and the Children In Need of Treatment (CINOT) Program and for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to take such measures as necessary to increase hospital operating-room facilities to allow timely access to such facilities by dentists.

***Action from Conference:***

*Moved:* Bill Ryding (Hastings and Prince Edward)  
*Seconded:* Lynn Noseworthy (Hastings and Prince Edward)

**CARRIED**