

2004 alPHa RESOLUTION NO. A04-5

TITLE: Continual Revision of General and Program Standards

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WHEREAS the current general and program standards of the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines, which replaced the Guidelines that were issued in April 1989, were published in December 1997; and

WHEREAS there are no structure and process in place to continually review, revise, approve and modernize these standards; and

WHEREAS these standards need to be continually revised to reflect best practices and to respond to re-/emerging issues such as avian influenza, bioterrorism, SARS and other infectious diseases and the Walkerton tragedy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) urges the Government of Ontario to establish an inclusive, rapid process for continually reviewing, revising, approving and modernizing the general and program standards of the Mandatory Health Programs and Services Guidelines;

AND FURTHER that alPHa urges the Government of Ontario to initiate and rapidly finalize the review and revision of the Control of Infectious Diseases and Infection Control program standards, particularly in the wake of SARS.

Action from Conference: Moved: R. Kyle (Durham Region)
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Carried