

**alPHa RESOLUTION A07-11**

**TITLE:** Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) Program

**SPONSOR:** Thunder Bay District Board of Health

**WHEREAS** the CINOT program exists for children who have no access to dental insurance or any other government program, and for whom the cost of necessary dental treatment would cause financial hardship for the family; and

**WHEREAS** the Thunder Bay Board of Health and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) recognize the important role that the CINOT program plays in helping vulnerable children access dental care and reducing the depth of child poverty; and

**WHEREAS** the prevalence of dental disease is not evenly distributed throughout the Province – rural areas, Northern Ontario and communities with large refugee or Aboriginal populations often experience a disproportionate demand for the CINOT program, beyond what can be borne by local resources; and

**WHEREAS** the demand for the CINOT program in the Thunder Bay District (TBD) is not highly predictable from year to year, yet has grown significantly over the past seven years, with 464 claims in 1999 compared to a high of 815 claims in 2005; and

**WHEREAS** the CINOT program currently reimburses dentists on average 59% of the Ontario Dental Association (ODA) approved fee schedule, resulting in a financial disincentive for local dentists to participate in the program;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Local Public Health Agencies request that the provincial government resume 100% funding of the CINOT dental treatment program;

**AND FURTHER THAT** CINOT fees to service providers remain reasonably attractive by increasing them to at least 75% of the ODA approved fee schedule, reviewing them on a regularly scheduled basis and incorporating a ‘cost of living’ increase.

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa), the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Health Promotion, the Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, local Members of Provincial Parliament, member municipalities and Ontario Boards of Health for their support and action, and to District dentists.

*MOTION TO DISCUSS LATE RESOLUTION:* M. HARDING (Thunder Bay)

*SECOND:* R. KYLE (Durham)

**Motion to be heard CARRIED**

*MOTION:* M. HARDING (Thunder Bay)

*SECOND:* N. CAMERON (Thunder Bay)

**Resolution: CARRIED**