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*Via Electronic Mail*

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

**Re: Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) Expansion Costs  
for Ages 14-17 Years Inclusive**

At its June 18, 2009 meeting, the Sudbury & District Board of Health passed the following motion #35-09:

***WHEREAS the Canadian Community Health Study (2005) reports that only 59% of low-income Ontario teens (82% of high income teens), aged 12 – 19 years visited a dentist in the past 12 months; and***

***WHEREAS the poor dental health is associated with poor nutrition, speech issues, pain-related concentration difficulties, self esteem concerns, and lost school and work days due to dental pain; and***

***WHEREAS the expanded Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) program provides low income teens aged 14-17 with an essential service that they otherwise would not be able to access; and***

***WHEREAS it is expected to take several years of program experience before the ongoing costs of operating the expanded CINOT program can be accurately estimated; and***

***WHEREAS the Ministry of Health Promotion currently funds 100% of the CINOT expanded program costs for 2009 but has communicated that effective 2010, such program costs will be funded on a cost-shared basis; and***

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health support the Middlesex-London Board of Health motion requesting that the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion continue to fund the CINOT expansion program at 100% in 2010 in order that more accurate and reliable budget figures are available for the program before any further costs are subject to cost-shared funding; and***

***FURTHER THAT, the Ministry of Health Promotion, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA), the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa), the Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry (OAPHD), the Ontario Minister of Children and Youth Services, the Sudbury & District Health Unit constituent municipalities, all Ontario Boards of Health, and the Sudbury & District Dental Society be so advised.***

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Board members expressed their recognition of the value of this program and the role it plays as it relates to address social inequities in health.

The Board seeks your attention and support in this important public health matter.

Yours sincerely,

*Original signed by*

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- c.: The Honourable Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion
- The Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services
- Association of Local Public Health Agencies
- Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry
- Ontario Boards of Health**
- Ontario Public Health Association
- Sudbury & District Health Unit Constituent Municipalities
- Sudbury & District Dental Society