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June 25, 2009

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier McGuinty:

Re: Board of Health Support for the Funding of the CINOT Expansion Program at 100% in 2010

On January 1, 2009, the provincial government introduced the expansion of the Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) program to extend dental coverage up to age 17 or the end of grade 8 and allocated \$14.4 million for 2009. Health Units were required to administer this expansion, however no funds were provided for this purpose. Administration of the program consists of generating, validating, and paying dental claims.

It was initially stated that the Ministry of Health Promotion (MHP) would fund the expanded CINOT at 100% for 2009 and then Boards of Health would assume 25% of the program's funding starting in 2010. Whenever new programs are introduced or modified, it takes time for the public and professionals to become aware of and utilize the new programs. It may take several years before true operational costs are known. The Ministry of Health Promotion will base their 2010 CINOT allocation on data which does not reflect the true or reasonable costs of operating the expanded program and Health Units will quickly have extreme difficulty staying within budget. This does not take into account that Health Units will need a large 2010 budget just to accommodate their 25% share.

At the June 18, 2009 Board of Directors meeting, the Board considered the above information and approved the following resolution:

'THAT the Board of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit petition Premier Dalton McGuinty and the Minister of Health Promotion, Margaret Best, to fund the CINOT expansion program at 100% in 2010 to allow for accurate and reliable budget figures before costs are downloaded to Health Units.'

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

G. Allen Heimann, MD, MHSc
Medical Officer of Health and Board Secretary

GAH:rs

cc: The Honourable Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion
The Honourable David Caplan, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
The Honourable Deborah Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services
Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Members of Provincial Parliament (Mr. Bruce Crozier, Mr. Dwight Duncan, Mr. Pat Hoy, Ms. Sandra Pupatello)
Members of Parliament (Mr. Joe Comartin, Mr. Brian Masse, Mr. Jeff Watson, Mr. Dave Van Kesteren)

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ccs (continued): Ms. Ronna Warsh, City Social Services
Ms. Connie Uetrecht, Executive Director, Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA)
Ms. Linda Stewart, Executive Director Public Health Issues, Association of Local Public Health
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Mayors and Council of all Windsor-Essex municipalities
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