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Dear Physician:

This letter is to in inform you of a forthcoming change to the claims process of the Continuing Medical Education (CME) incentive.

The existing CME payment process is performed manually, meaning that you must complete paper invoices and submit them to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to receive reimbursement for eligible CME activities. This process will be replaced with a more streamlined, user friendly and 'automated' CME claims process, wherein you will be able to submit your claims to the ministry electronically through your standard claims submission channel.

The new automated process is being targeted for implementation in spring 2008. Once the automated system is implemented the ministry will no longer accept paper invoices for CME reimbursement. To assist with the transition to the automated system, please submit all your outstanding invoices as soon as possible. In the coming weeks you will receive further notice regarding the cut off dates for paper invoice submissions and how the transition will impact you.

Despite the transformation to an automated CME claims process, you can be assured that the overarching CME incentive policy will remain substantively the same. Physicians will continue to be eligible for reimbursement of 24 MAINPRO-C or MAINPRO-M1 hours/credits per fiscal year, comprising of no more than 20 MAINPRO-M1 hours/credits per fiscal year. And, if requested, the CME Advisory Committee will continue to review CME claims for educational activities that are not MAINPRO-M1 or MAINPRO-C approved. However, you should be aware that amendments will be made to policy relating to the allocation of credits when a physician leaves an eligible patient enrolment model.

As spring 2008 approaches, ministry staff will provide you with further communiqués and fact sheets that will outline the technical modifications and policy changes resulting from the implementation of the automated CME claims process.

Sincerely,

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