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Dear Dr. Williams:

Re: Clarification about Health Services following Premier's May 14th Announcement

I am writing to you again on behalf of the Health Profession Regulators of Ontario (HPRO), the organization that brings together the 26 regulated health professions' Colleges. Specifically, We are seeking clarification about pending amendments to Directive #2 and "health services" related to what will be permitted to reopen on May 19th: "Allowing certain health and medical services to resume, such as in-person counselling; in-person services, in addition to virtual services, delivered by health professionals..." When will the amendments to Directive #2 be provided, i.e., before May 19th? It is imperative that there be clarity for regulators to ensure there is consistent application of the Directive in the interest of public safety.

We would also like to follow up on an issue raised in our previous letter (May 5th), asking if plans are being considered for government to provide specific guidance to healthcare professionals related to infection control. We reiterate that the work being done by individual regulators in Ontario will need to be consistent with anything being directed by your office or other provincial authorities, and it is essential that regulators be given adequate notice to harmonize their work with any guidance from the provincial government.

Additionally, we want to re-raise the issue of the availability of PPE for registrants returning to work to avoid scenarios where practices cannot return to work due to lack of PPE. We continue to remain aware that requirements for healthcare professionals need to be able to be achieved in actual practice.

Thank you, again, for your efforts for all of Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Taylor', is written over a white background.

Kevin Taylor
President

cc. Clint Shingler, Director Health System Emergency Management Branch, MOH
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