

MEMORANDUM

TO: Hospital CEOs, Chiefs of Staff and Medical Affairs
FROM: Greg Shaw, Vice President, Strategic Human Resources Management, OHA
Elsa van Vliet, Director, Ontario Physician Locum Programs, HFO MRA
DATE: March 23, 2010
RE: Transfer of OHA's Locum Credentialing Application Program to HFO MRA

Since 2005, the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) has offered the Locum Credentialing Application Program (LCAP) to hospitals and physicians as a special service. The LCAP provides a streamlined application process for family physicians seeking appointments as locum tenens in small and rural hospitals. The program was developed in consultation with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO), the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Professional Association of Internes and Residents of Ontario (PAIRO), and the Ontario Region of the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC).

In 2007, the program was expanded to include designated hospitals receiving locum coverage through the HealthForceOntario Marketing and Recruitment Agency (HFO MRA) Emergency Department Coverage Demonstration Project (EDCDP). Since then, a majority of the LCAP documentation process (exchanging and updating of information) has been carried out by HFO MRA through EDCDP. Both the OHA and HFO MRA felt that consolidating LCAP under a single organization would enhance its delivery. Therefore, effective **April 1, 2010**, the OHA will be transferring the management of LCAP to HFO MRA.

As of April 1st, the changes for LCAP participants include:

- Hospitals currently participating in the LCAP outside of EDCDP should now submit requests for physician files directly to HFO MRA at emerg@healthforceontario.ca; and
- Physicians currently participating in the LCAP should submit any file updates to HFO MRA at emerg@healthforceontario.ca.

In the interim, questions about the transition process should be directed to Laurie Cabanas, Consultant, Physician and Professional Issues, OHA at 416-205-1442 (lcabanas@oha.com); or Juliana Jackson, Manager, Emergency Department Coverage Demonstration Project, HFO MRA at 416-945-3655 (j.jackson@healthforceontario.ca). The OHA and HFO MRA are working together to ensure minimal disruption to program delivery during the transition.

From April 1st onwards, all inquiries regarding the LCAP should be directed to the HFO MRA Emergency Department Coverage Demonstration Project at emerg@healthforceontario.ca.

Hospitals and physicians interested in participating in the LCAP can access the application forms and obtain information about the program by clicking [here](#).