

Provincial AHSC AFP Town Hall Video Conference Friday July 6

Provincial Negotiations

Graham Scott, Chair of the Provincial Academic Health Science Centre (AHSC) Alternative Funding Plan (AFP) Task Force, along with several other AHSC AFP project members, will hold a videoconference town hall meeting for physicians in London and Ottawa on **Friday July 6, 2007 at the Shuttleworth Auditorium from 7am-9am**. A light breakfast will be provided. RSVP attendance only to Justine Berg justine.berg@lhsc.on.ca.

What is the purpose of this town hall?

- The AHSC AFP Task Force has completed its mandate so this is an opportunity to review all of the Task Force recommendations.
- The clinical top up allocation methodology based on the recently signed data consent forms is being finalized by the OMA and MOHTLC. This is an opportunity to provide feedback to inform the process.

The AHSC AFP Task Force Website:
<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/login>
Password: **mohahsc**

What is on this website?

This Website documents all the work of the AHSC AFP Task Force. There is so much on the website we recommend starting with the two "Frequently asked Questions" sections located in the main section and physician consultation section. Also on the website FYI:

- Task Force and Working groups mandate, membership and papers. (e.g. FTE, accountability)
- AHSC AFP Task Force Monthly meeting notes.
- Physician Consultation session presentations.

When will we see a new AHSC AFP Contract?

The Contract Template to be used for all Provincial AHSC AFPs will be drafted by the end of June. It has to go to the Parties first but it is likely that we will see the contract by late August or early September with sign-up thereafter.

All of the Provincial Phase 1 AFP funding (75 million) and the new

investment funding (150 million) for this AFP initiative comes from the OMA/MOHTLC Master Agreement so the Physician Services Committee (joint OMA/MOHLTC) will approve the AFP contract template and then it will be released to the AHSCS with instructions/timelines for local sign up.

What will it mean to AFP practice plans and physicians?

AFP Practice Plans must meet all criteria of the contract, which includes documenting how members are compensated. The individual physician will be informed of their amount of AFP funding by the AFP Practice plan that they participate in. For the same level of deliverables and participation, the physician is expected to maintain current AFP funding as a minimum. This would include specialty review funding for applicable specialties.

First instalment of the next AFP Contract Funding

AMOSO has received 3.9 million dollars of one time funding from the AHSC AFP New Investment funds. Current Phase 1 AFP physicians (excluding those that received an allocation through their specialty AFA) will be receiving in July a one time clinical top up. Participating Phase 1 AFP practice plans will also receive an allocation and have agreed to the terms of the funding which includes reporting on how the funds were flowed to participants by no later than the end of October 2007. This one time amount is not a precedent for the next contract funding.

AMOSO Governing Committee and Phase I AFP

The AMOSO Governing Committee is an unincorporated association with voting representation from CTA-UWO, LHSC, SJHC and UWO.

Phase 1 AFP Funding

Phase 1 AFP funding will continue while the negotiations for the province-wide AFP continue.

Direct Payment to Physicians (50% of total): As of May 2007 there are 512 Physicians voluntarily participating in our Phase 1 AFP.

Department Funding (45% of total): All Department practice/group plans have met the terms of the Phase 1 Contract and receive funding monthly

for which they provide semi-annual reports.

Opportunities Fund (5% of total):

To date 20 proposals have been funded and are reporting to AMOSO annually. Funds have been allocated to the end of June 2007. Stakeholders will be notified if any additional funding becomes available.

What will become of AMOSO and the Funding? The terms of the Phase 1 AFP and Governance agreements will continue while the next contracts being implemented. Changes to Governance will be required by virtue of the new AFP Contract Template.

OHIP Conversion

All changes required to AFP OHIP conversion groups ("H groups") must be facilitated through the AMOSO office. It is anticipated in the next AFP Contract that real-time conversion will continue but with an increase percentage flowing to AMOSO – i.e. 60% of approved in scope claims versus 10%.

Communications

This update will soon be available on the following websites, electronically or in print by request.

Schulich (under info for faculty) :
<http://www.med.uwo.ca/Faculty/Information/>
Citywide Medical Affairs (under General Information):
http://www.londonhospitals.ca/departments/medical_affairs/geninfo/index.php

Dr. Brown and/or Patricia Telfer are available to attend Departmental meetings upon request and will be organizing a meeting for AFP practice plans in September 2007. AMOSO's Year-end is March 31st. Participating members can obtain a copy of the 06/07 audited financial statements by contacting AMOSO.

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