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MEMORANDUM TO: Medical Officers of Health

FROM: Laura Pisko
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SUBJECT: Amendment to Ontario Regulation 570

This memorandum provides an update on amendments made to Ontario Regulation 570 (School Health Services and Programs Regulation) made under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA)*.

Amendments to the School Health Services and Programs Regulation were required to support implementation of the integrated Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) program.

As well, the Regulatory amendment was required in order to notify Public Health Units (PHUs), schools and school boards about what services PHUs must deliver in schools (i.e., in physical school settings). A summary of the changes are provided in the attached document.

The amended Regulation has been filed and will come into force on January 1, 2016 to coincide with implementation of the new integrated HSO program. The regulation is available on e-laws as O. Reg. 413/15 at:
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900570>

Best wishes for the holidays and a happy 2016.

Laura A. Pisko
Director

Attached

**Summary of Changes:
Amendment to Ontario Regulation 570 – Effective January 1, 2016**

Effective January 1, 2016 Ontario Regulation 570, School Health Services and Programs will become Ontario Regulation 413/15, School Health Programs and Services.

Two amendments were required to support dental integration:

1. Remove reference to the “Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT)” program which will cease to exist January 1, 2016 when it is integrated into HSO; and
2. Remove references to “Clinical preventive services”, “Dental education” and “Monitoring of water fluoridation”.

Section 6 of the HPPA requires boards of health to provide health programs and services listed in Regulation 570 to pupils attending schools within the jurisdiction served by the board of health. Because boards of health are not mandated in the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) to provide clinical preventive services, dental education or monitoring of water fluoridation in schools, these services were removed to align with requirements in the OPHS.

It is important to note that removing services from the regulation does not prevent a PHU from providing these services in a school setting.

Along with the two amendments to support dental integration, three housekeeping amendments were also made:

1. Change the title of the regulation from “School Health Services and Programs” to “School Health Programs and Services” to align with the term that appears in s. 6 of the HPPA.
2. Remove reference to the “the dental indices survey” which was replaced by oral health assessment and surveillance in the OPHS; and
3. Add the words “assessment and surveillance” to “screening” to align with the OPHS.

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