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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Board of Health Chairs and Medical Officers of Health

**FROM:** **Christine Elliott**  
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health  
Ministry of Health

**RE:** Amended Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability

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I am releasing amendments to the Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability (OPHS) under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, in support of important government initiatives including:

- The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP). This targeted program helps reduce unnecessary trips to the hospital, prevents chronic disease and increases quality of life for seniors with low-income.
- The Consumption and Treatment Services Program supports related inspection and enforcement programs and services.

There will be a follow-up memo from Dr. Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, outlining the changes in more detail and providing a copy for your records. The new OPHS is effective immediately and will be made available in English and French through the Ministry of Health's website:

[http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/oph\\_standards/](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/oph_standards/).

I would like to express my thanks to you and your staff for your ongoing work in upholding the OPHS and look forward to our continued work together as we modernize and strengthen the public health sector for the benefit of all Ontarians.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Christine J. Elliott'.

Christine Elliott

c: Helen Angus, Deputy Minister  
Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health