

## HSAA Communiqué (September 2016)

The HSAA Advisory Committee meets regularly to collaborate on matters related to the Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (HSAA). LHIN and OHA legal representatives recently met to discuss current state as it relates to ongoing provincial consultations on a new multi-year HSAA. Below are key outcomes from the meeting.

### ONE-YEAR HSAA EXTENSION

It is a requirement of the Local Health System Integration Act, 2006 (LHSIA) that LHINs enter into service accountability agreements (SAAs) with each health service provider (HSP) that it funds. In light of ongoing LHIN renewal activities across the province and the potential for legislative changes in the fall there is pan-LHIN agreement to minimize changes to SAA agreements this year.

When the LHIN and OHA legal representatives met on August 16, 2016, there was agreement to issue a one-year extension to the current HSAA agreement with a new expiry date of March 31, 2018, while continuing to pursue focused discussions on a new multi-year HSAA in the time ahead. The representatives also gave their endorsement to the pan-LHIN proposal to not add any new indicators in 2017/18 and rather to carry over the existing indicator slate from FY 16/17. Similarly, only minor changes will be made to other schedules to ensure they reflect current planning assumptions and are aligned with the current year.

### KEY STEPS AND TIMELINES

Key steps and timelines related to the 2017/18 HSAA process are listed below:

- Oct 3, 2016* – **HAPS open on SRI**
- Nov 21, 2016* – **HAPS Submissions due.** Completed HAPS will be submitted to the LHINs by HSPs. This submission does not require board approval.
- Nov 2016 – Jan 2017* – **Review of draft submissions and local consultations.** LHINs will review HAPS refresh submissions and engage in local consultations to finalize 2017/18 HSAA Schedule amendments.
- Dec 2016* – **Endorsement of one year HSAA extension (Amending Letters).** The Committee is expected to finalize and endorse the one-year extension of the current HSAA for subsequent approval by LHIN Boards and Hospital Boards.
- Jan 31, 2017* – **Governing body approved HAPS is due to LHINs.**
- Apr 1, 2017* – **2017-2018 HSAAs take effect.** The 2017-18 HSAA will come into effect.

### NEXT STEPS

Further updates on the progress of the 2017/18 HSAA process and the Committee's work will be provided in upcoming communiqués distributed through the LHINs and the Ontario Hospital Association.

## CONTACT

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