

# Physiotherapy Reform - Status Update

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# Presentation Overview

## Identified Physiotherapy Streams

- CCAC
- Long Term Care
- Falls Prevention and Exercise Classes
- Primary Care
- Designated Physiotherapy Clinics

# CCAC Stream

## Current State

- On track to meet August 1, 2013 deadline;
- Issuing service referrals and offers to contracted providers;
- Communicating with all known retirement homes and congregate settings offering OHIP-funded physiotherapy;

## Challenges

- Identification of patients in congregate settings given limited response from congregate settings and Designated Physiotherapy Clinics;
- Transitioning patients to goal-oriented therapy versus current no-end maintenance approach;
- No capital funding to replace Designated Physiotherapy Clinic equipment and no mitigation strategy established;

# Long-Term Care Stream

## Current State

- Funding policy has been finalized by the Financial Managers Table (MOH and LHIN representatives)
- Funding packages are to be provided to LHINs by end of July
- Provincial survey has been sent to all Central East LHIN LTCHs. Responses will assist in understanding how implementation may impact LTCHs and what can be done to support the transition
- MOH is working with Ontario Occupational Therapy Society to better understand role of Occupational Therapists in LTCHs
- MOH is providing funding for LHIN funded LTC and Convalescent Care beds for the period between August 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014 for physiotherapy and exercise

## Challenges

- LHIN will need to assume responsibility for the cost of physiotherapy and exercise classes for LHIN-funded LTC and Convalescent Care beds post April 1, 2014

# Falls and Exercise Stream

## Current State

- On track to support August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for replacement classes
- Lead CSS Agencies are communicating regularly with local retirement homes and known congregate settings
- All Agencies have issued RFPs to secure providers to support replacement classes. Agencies will notify LHIN of procurement process, any subcontracting arrangements and contract dollar values
- MOH has received a number of public inquires and will be forwarding requests to individualize LHINs
- CSS funding letters are in process

## Challenges

- Indirect funding pressures
- Additional administrative burden to support MIS Reporting Standards and Requirements
- Identification of previously unknown falls and exercise sites post August 1

# Primary Care Stream

## Current State

- MOH issued a Call for Applications focusing on program based integration of physiotherapy services (July 23 submission deadline)
- Provincially, over 300 applications have been received from:
  - Family Health Teams
  - Community Health Centres
  - Nurse Practitioner Led Clinics
  - Aboriginal Health Access Centres
- LHINs will be provided opportunity to comment on applications received
- Central East LHIN is aware of applications being prepared in each of the three clusters (Scarborough, Durham, Northeast)

## Challenges

- Non-specified inclusion of overhead costs
- Encouraging collaboration and integration across applications/programs

# Designated Physiotherapy Clinics - Streams

## Current State

- Between 700-800 applications have been received by the MOH and will be shared with LHINs.
- MOH is finalizing their evaluation process and ensuring a consistent scoring system is established.
- MOH will review all applications before they are received by individual LHINs.
- LHINs will develop a consistent review process to assess each application. This has yet to be determined.

## Challenges

- Number of applications received by each LHIN ranges from 30-135. LHIN staff will need to review all applications over the next few weeks.
- Timeline for Clinic Stream completion has yet to be determined.

# Next Steps

- Continue to participate in the regular communication networks with LHIN Leads and MOH
- Continue to collaborate with the Central East CCAC to coordinate next steps regarding transitions planning
- Secure funding letters (indirect exercise/falls costs; LTCH; CCAC)
- Continue to work through any barriers to implementation
- Provide ongoing support for implementation of replacement falls and exercise classes as of August 1<sup>st</sup>
- Await further detail on the application review processes for the Primary Care and Community-Based Clinic streams