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Recruitment of physicians to evaluate services very successful to date

The recruitment of physicians to participate in the evaluation of intensity of medical services has gone very well. To date, close to 90% of the total number of physicians required for this exercise have been recruited by the Angus Reid Group in a random recruitment process. The evaluation exercise itself is also well underway. Using the computer evaluation program developed by the Commission, Angus Reid staff have been travelling to communities across Ontario to meet with physicians who have agreed to participate. It is anticipated the evaluation process will continue into early in the new year.

Expert Evaluation Panel to be formed

The Commission is currently forming an Expert Evaluation Panel composed of a select group of Ontario physicians to assist the Commission in finalizing the development of the RVS. The Panel's function will be to assist in resolving the intensity of survey codes in the case of any incomplete or discrepant data as a result of the survey code evaluation process. The Panel may also be asked to comment on other matters within their expertise such as the estimated times for individual services. Panel members will be appointed by the Commission.

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