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Subject ADDICTION REFERRALS OUT-OF-COUNTRY

The Ministry of Health is aware that many Ontario residents with addiction problems have been and continue to be referred to out-of-country hospitals for treatment. There may be instances where some referring agencies or individuals have financial arrangements with out-of-country hospitals. This aggressive marketing of services has been the major cause of the 600% increase in the Ministry's payment to American hospitals for addiction services over the past two fiscal years.

It is the view of the Ministry of Health that referral to an out-of-country hospital is in the best interest of the client only where equivalent services cannot be provided in Ontario within a reasonable period of time and where there is no financial advantage or conflict of interest for the referring agent.

The Ministry of Health is seeking your co-operation by ensuring that when your patients are referred to out-of-country hospitals for addiction treatment, they understand that they should receive prior approval by the Ministry of Health. Please advise those patients to contact the Provider Services Branch of the Ministry for more details about the out-of-country payment policy prior to leaving Ontario for addiction treatment.

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