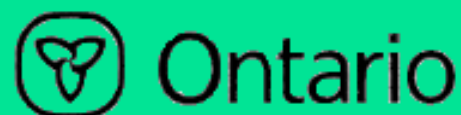


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Subject **INFLUENZA VACCINATION**

The Ministry of Health in cooperation with OHIP and the Public Health Branch has expanded the Influenza immunization program to also cover patient care staff working in long term care facilities. This is an important step in protecting patients of long term care facilities from contracting influenza.

A Fact Sheet is attached for use by health professionals in advising the public of this program. The Public Health Branch sent a package to health departments throughout the province and physicians in Metropolitan Toronto in June 1998 about the 1998/99 influenza immunization program. The mailing was directed to those who order vaccine directly from Ontario Government Pharmacy.

Additional information concerning the program can be directed to the Ministry of Health Communications Branch Infoline, 416-327-4327 or 1-800-268-1153.

The Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services will be updated and sent to you in the next amendment release.

This bulletin and the fact sheet are available on the Ministry of Health's web site at www.health.gov.on.ca.

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