

MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT – 2014-15

Submitted by Dr. James S. Brooks, Committee Chair

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For the period: April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015

Medical Eligibility Committee Mandate

The Medical Eligibility Committee (MEC) is created by the authority of the Health Insurance Act, and given independence in the determination of all questions of law and fact with respect to matters within its jurisdiction.

When there is a dispute regarding a decision by the General Manager that an insured person is not entitled to an insured service in a hospital or health facility because such services are not medically necessary, the General Manager of the Ontario Health Insurance Plan refers the matter to the MEC.

Previous Performance History

Fiscal Year	Number of Meetings Held	Number of Cases Reviewed	Number of Decisions	Outstanding Cases at Year End (Fiscal)	Ministry Decisions Upheld (+%)
2013-14	2	8	8	0	7 (88.5%)
2014-15	1	4	4	0	4 (100%)

Operational Performance

In most years, six bi-monthly meetings are scheduled; however the committee does not meet if there are no appeals or only a small number of appeals to review.

Health Services Branch, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care provides administrative support to the Committee as required.

Financial Performance

Remuneration for MEC members is on a per-meeting basis at a current rate of \$664.00 per diem for both the Chair and members of the Committee. Appointee remuneration and administrative costs for the MEC are funded through the Health Services Branch's (ODOE) budget.

Financial Statements

The Medical Eligibility Committee (MEC) has not included audited financial statements as part of their annual report because the ministry does not allocate a budget to the review committee.

The MEC submits expense/travel forms to the ministry for approval. If the ministry is satisfied that the expense meets the criteria/requirements of the

“Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses” directive then the ministry approves the expense form for payment. Therefore, the committee does not hold any documents for audit purposes.

Operating Costs

Fiscal Year	Honoraria	Travel/Other Costs	<i>Total Expenditures</i>
2011/2012	\$1,660	\$188.40	<i>\$1,848.40</i>
2012/2013	\$1,992	\$200	<i>\$2,192.00</i>
2013/2014	\$2,656	\$153.97	<i>\$2,809.97</i>
2014/2015	\$1,328	\$349	<i>\$1,677</i>

Current Appointees

Name	Appointment Date	<i>Date Current Term Expires</i>
Dr. James Brooks, Chair	March 20, 2007	<i>March 19, 2016</i>
Dr. Mark Huryn	October 20, 2006	<i>October 29, 2016</i>
Dr. Edward Allen	December 6, 2007	<i>December 5, 2015</i>
<i>Dr. Susan Au</i>	<i>February 6, 2008</i>	<i>February 5, 2018</i>

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Dr. James Brooks
Chair, Medical Eligibility Committee

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