

HEALTH-BASED ALLOCATION MODEL *Advisory Committee*

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care & Local Health Integration Network Collaborative

HBAM Advisory Committee Established

The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, in conjunction with Ontario's Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs), are pleased to announce the formation of the Health-Based Allocation Model (HBAM) Advisory Committee. The Committee is a permanent structure established to provide balanced, evidence-based recommendations on all aspects of the HBAM model. This 12-person committee, chaired by Assistant Deputy Minister John McKinley and Central LHIN CEO Hy Eliasoph, meets regularly and will act as a central forum of communication and issue resolution on HBAM design and implementation. It is also mandated to provide oversight and guidance to the two standing technical subcommittees on calibration and enhancement, and to oversee the creation of any future tasks groups.

Update on Current Activities:

Technical Subcommittee Member Selection

One of the current priorities of the HBAM Advisory Committee is the equitable selection of members of the health service provider and LHIN communities to join the HBAM technical subcommittees. A framework for the review of candidates has been approved by the committee and the selection of members is underway.

HBAM vs. IPBA

The Committee has begun reviewing a comparison of the Health-Based Allocation Model (HBAM) and the Integrated Population-Based Allocation Model (IPBA) to understand the potential impact on hospitals as HBAM implementation moves forward.

Review of Casemix

In its upcoming meeting, the Committee will begin a review of the HBAM casemix methodology and how it compares to the new CIHI CMG+ methodology.

Harmonization of Hospital Funding

In an effort to ensure proper HBAM implementation, the HBAM Advisory Committee has identified harmonization of hospital funding as a key area to be explored in the coming year.

Communication with Stakeholders: Toolkit & Data Access

The HBAM Advisory Committee is also exploring options for providing LHINs and Health Service Providers (HSPs) with appropriate access to HBAM information and results in line with their respective roles in the health system. The Committee is considering a multiple-phase plan with emphasis on short-term and long-term solutions.

Also, to increase understanding of the model amongst partners in Ontario's health care system, the Committee is overseeing the development of an HBAM Communication toolkit consisting of a background document, and both a general and technical Q & A.

The Committee will continue to provide updates on its work and decisions at regular intervals. For more information on the HBAM Advisory Committee please feel free to contact Cristina Perez, Director of the Investment Planning and Management Branch (Cristina.Perez@ontario.ca).

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