

October 30, 2011

Ms. Susan Fitzpatrick  
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Negotiations and Accountability Management Division  
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care  
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RE: Diagnostic Technical Services Funding

Dear Ms. Fitzpatrick;

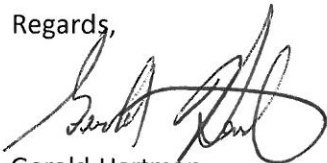
Thank you for your memo dated April 6, 2011 regarding diagnostic technical services funding. The Independent Diagnostic Clinic Association (IDCA) and Ontario Health Facilities Association (OHFA) appreciate the opportunity to respond on behalf of the community-based diagnostic services sector. The attached document is the product of our collaboration and the engagement of the sector. As you will see, we have taken the liberty of responding both to your memo, as well as to subsequent questions posed by Sandy Nuttall, Director Diagnostic Services and Planning.

Since receiving your request, the IDCA and OHFA have sent several written communications to our members as well as to every Independent Health Facility (IHF) operator in Ontario, informing them of our role in responding to your memo. A number of such communications emphasized not only our shared role in this process, but also invited interested parties to come forward and add their views.

As representatives of the IHF sector, the IDCA and OHFA are committed to working collaboratively with all community-based providers and with the Ministry. We welcome the prospect of sharing our perspectives with the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and Ontario Hospital Association (OHA). Our operational knowledge and expertise of community-based diagnostic services, coupled with the collective wisdom of all key stakeholders, will provide the foundation necessary to develop recommendations leading to future decisions that support a delivery system of sustainability, quality and accessibility. We view such an inclusive process as essential to ensuring a constructive outcome.

We trust that you will find the attached document a viable option for the Ministry to put forward as an appropriate governance structure. A hallmark of the suggested structure is that it supports equal involvement of all key stakeholders. We look forward to an opportunity to review our submission with you and with the other members of your team.

Regards,



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President, IDCA



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