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**DATE:** January 5, 2021

**TO:** Stephanie Bolton  
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**FROM:** Pauline Ryan  
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**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Advance Payment Program: Recovery Period

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The Ministry of Health (the "ministry") continues to recognize that Independent Health Facilities (IHF) are essential partners in the fight against COVID-19. The ministry is committed to working with IHFs who have been affected by the outbreak, including those who are unable to deliver their regular types of services during this time.

As indicated in my July 16, 2020 letter, the ministry revised the timing and recovery period for the advanced payments under the advance payment program as follows:

- Recovery of advance payments will be made from a provider's future OHIP payments beginning in February 2021 (instead of November 2020): and
- The total amount of the advance payments will be recovered in six (instead of five) equal installments on the February to July 2021 Remittance Advices (RAs).

As the number of COVID-19 cases have continued to rise and due to the upcoming province wide shutdown and restrictions that will be put in place, the ministry would like to advise you that once again it is revising the timing and recovery period for the advance payments as follows:

- Recovery of advance payments will be made from a provider's future OHIP payments beginning in April 2021 (instead of February 2021): and
- The total amount of the advance payments will still be recovered in six installments, however now beginning on the April to September 2021 RAs.

Thank you for your leadership in helping to stop the spread of COVID-19. We appreciate your ongoing commitment to providing care that Ontarians need during this time of urgency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pauline Ryan".

Pauline Ryan  
Director  
Health Services Branch