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Dear «LICENSEE_CONTACT_TITLE» «LICENSEE_CONTACT_LNAME»:

**Re: New Funding Model for the Independent Health Facilities Quality
Assessment Program**

I am writing to tell you about funding changes to the Quality Management Program for Independent Health Facilities (IHF).

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (Ministry) and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) recognize the important role IHFs play in providing high quality community-based health care services in Ontario, and value your continued commitment to ensuring patient health and safety. A key part of this commitment involves ongoing quality assurance.

Prior to April 1, 2012, the Ministry funded the CPSO's Quality Management Program for IHFs, including the development of Clinical Practice Parameters and Facility Standards (CPPs), the conducting of pre-licensing inspections, and the performance of periodic quality assessments.

Going forward, the CPSO will charge fees directly to IHFs for these costs. This change recognizes that quality care is a goal of everyone involved in the provision of health care in Ontario, and promotes efficient, accountable and cost effective program administration.

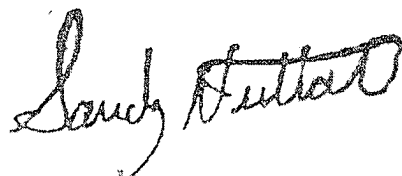
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The Ministry and CPSO are working together to implement this change. The CPSO is developing a new fee structure and will be in contact with IHF licensees to provide details of the program.

The Ministry will continue to pay facility fees to IHFs in respect of services and operating costs provided in accordance with the conditions and limitations of their licenses, pursuant to the Schedule of Facility Fees for Independent Health Facilities or current funding agreements.

Should you have any questions about the new approach to quality management, please contact Leanne Palilionis, Senior Program Consultant, Independent Health Facilities Program, at 613-548-6637 or send an email to IHFP@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandy Nuttall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sandy Nuttall, Ph.D.
Director
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