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Independent Diagnostic Clinics Association
c/o Stephanie Bolton, Executive Director
7330 Yonge St., Ste. 120,
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Dear Ms. Bolton:

Re: Funding Support for OHIP Practitioners Through Advance Payments During COVID-19

The Ministry of Health (the ministry) recognizes that our healthcare providers are essential partners in the fight against COVID-19. The ministry is committed to working with health care providers, who have been adversely affected by the outbreak, including those who are unable to deliver their regular types of services during this time.

As part of Ontario's efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 and to support health care providers during this time, the ministry is establishing a temporary program to provide advance payments to eligible providers to help cover the fixed overhead costs related to maintaining their practices. This will ensure providers are able to return to regular practice as soon as the outbreak begins to subside.

For IHFs, the COVID-19 Advance Payment Program will provide monthly, interest-free, automated advance payments against future fee-for-service facility fee payments. The advance payments will be calculated and paid to top-up IHFs to 70% of their average monthly fee-for-service payment. Licensees who qualify for advances will automatically receive payments in May, June and July 2020. Recovery of these payments will begin in November 2020. The advance payments will be offset in five equal amounts against future fee-for-service payments from November 2020 to March 2021.

Further information regarding this program will be forthcoming.

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 and during this time of urgency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Dicerni".

Patrick Dicerni
Interim Assistant Deputy Minister