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March 30, 2010

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Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

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Dear Dr. McLellan,

Congratulations on the successful signing of your Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (HSAA) - Amending Agreement for 2010-11. This amending agreement will extend the terms of the existing 2008/10 HSAA for a period of one year ending March 31, 2011.

The Toronto Central LHIN acknowledges your team's efforts and support throughout this year's process. We look forward to a continued partnership with you into the future.

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Sincerely,

Bonnie Ewart Interim CEO

AMENDING AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDING AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made as of the 1st day of April, 2010

BETWEEN:

TORONTO CENTRAL LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK (the "LHIN")

AND

SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE (the "Hospital")

WHEREAS the LHIN and the Hospital (together the "Parties") entered into a two year service accountability agreement that took effect April 1, 2008 (the "H-SAA");

AND WHEREAS given economic uncertainties, funding allocations by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care which form the basis for the negotiation of the 2010-12 H-SAA have not yet been confirmed;

AND WHEREAS the OHA, LHINs and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care have agreed to adjust the H-SAA process for 2010/11, as set out in the letter dated February 1, 2010 attached as Appendix A;

AND WHEREAS the parties acknowledge a mutual commitment to pursuing needed operational efficiencies over the course of the agreement;

AND WHEREAS the LHIN and the Hospital have agreed to extend the H-SAA for a third year;

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of mutual promises and agreements contained in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

- **1.0 Definitions.** Except as otherwise defined in this Agreement, all terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the H-SAA.
- 2.0 Amendments.
- 2.1 <u>Agreed Amendments</u>. The Parties agree that the H-SAA shall be amended as set out in this Article 2.
- 2.2 <u>Title and Headers</u>. The Parties agree that the title of the H-SAA and the headers within the H-SAA shall be amended by deleting "2008-2010" and replacing it with "2008-2011."

2.3 <u>Definitions</u>. The definition for HAPS in Article 2.1 shall be amended with the addition of the following text immediately after "2009-2010" and before the semi-colon:

"and the Board approved hospital accountability planning submission provided by the Hospital to the LHIN for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011"

- 2.4 <u>Term.</u> The reference to "2010" in Article 3.2, shall be deleted and replaced with "March 31, 2011".
- 2.5 <u>Planning Cycle</u>. The words "for Fiscal Years 2010/11 and 2011/12" in Article 7.1 shall be deleted.

2.6 Schedules.

- (a) Schedule A shall be deleted and replaced with the Schedule A attached to this Agreement.
- (b) Schedule B shall be supplemented with the addition of Schedule B-1 attached to this Agreement.
- (c) Schedule C shall be supplemented with the addition of Schedule C-1 attached to this agreement.
- (d) Schedule D shall be supplemented with the addition of Schedule D-1 attached to this agreement.
- (e) Schedule E shall be supplemented with the addition of Schedule E-1 attached to this agreement.
- (f) Schedule F shall be supplemented with the addition of Schedule F-1 attached to this agreement.
- (g) Schedule G shall be supplemented with the addition of Schedule G-1 attached to this agreement.
- (h) Schedule H shall be supplemented with the addition of Schedule H-1 attached to this agreement.
- 2.7 Renegotiation of Schedules The Parties agree that it is their intention to negotiate and to further amend the Schedules following the announcement of funding allocations by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. It is recognized that a waiver to the balanced budget obligation may need to be negotiated.
- 3.0 Effective Date. The Parties agree that the amendments set out in Article 2 shall take effect on April 1, 2010. All other terms of the H-SAA, including but not limited to current funding levels and those provisions in Schedule A-H not amended by s. 2.6, above, shall remain in full force and effect.

- **4.0 Governing Law.** This Agreement and the rights, obligations and relations of the Parties will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.
- **5.0 Counterparts**. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.
- **Entire Agreement**. This Agreement together with Schedules A, B-1, C-1, D-1, E-1, F-1, G-1 and H-1, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter contained in this Agreement and supersedes all prior oral or written representations and agreements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have executed this Agreement on the dates set out below.

TORONTO CENTRAL LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK

By:	
15.5m)	March 29. 2010
Dennis Magill, Acting Board Chair	Date
And by: Bouris Ewarh	Max. salio
Bonnie Ewart, Acting CEO	Date
SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCES CI	ENTRE
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David Leslle, Chair	Date
And by:	
100	March 26, 2010
Barry McLellan, President & CEO	Date

Schedule A Planning and Funding Timetable

OBLIGATIONS

Part I - Funding Obligations	Party	Timing
Announcement of multi-year funding allocation (confirmation of 2008/09 Schedule C funding, reinforcement of 2009/10 Schedule C funding)	LHIN	The later of June 30, 2008 or 14 days after confirmation from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
Announcement of multi-year funding allocation (confirmation of 2009/10 Schedule C funding)	LHIN	The later of June 30, 2009 or 14 days after confirmation from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
Announcement of multi-year funding allocation (confirmation of 2010/11 Schedule C funding)	LHIN	The later of June 30, 2010 or 14 days after confirmation from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care

Part II - Planning Obligations	Party	Timing
Announcement of 2010/11 planning target for hospital planning purposes	LHIN	The later of June 30, 2008 or 14 days after confirmation from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
Publication of the Hospital Annual Planning Submission Guidelines for 2010-12	LHIN	No later than June 30, 2009
Announcement of multi-year funding allocation (reaffirm 2010/11 and announce 2011/12 planning targets for 2010-12 HSAA negotiations)	LHIN	The later of June 30, 2009 or 14 days after confirmation from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
Indicator Refresh (including detailed hospital calculations)	LHIN (in conjunction with MOHLTC)	No later than November 30, 2009
Refresh related Schedules for 2010-11	Hospital/LHIN	No later than February 26, 2010
Sign 1 year extension to the 2008/10 H-SAA	Hospital/LHIN	No later than March 31, 2010
Announcement of multi-year funding allocation for 2010/11 and announce, if possible, planning targets for 2011/13 HSAA negotiations)	LHIN	14 days after confirmation from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
Submission of Hospital Annual Planning Submission for 2010-11	Hospital	TBD
Publication of the Hospital Annual Planning Submission Guidelines for 2011/13	LHIN	No later than June 30, 2010
Announcement of multi-year planning targets for 2011/13 HSAA negotiations)	LHIN	14 days after confirmation from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
Submission of Hospital Annual Planning Submission for 2011-13	Hospital	No later than October 31, 2010
Indicator Refresh (including detailed hospital calculations)	LHIN (in conjunction with MOHLTC)	No later than November 30, 2010
Refresh the Hospital Annual Planning Submission for 2011- 13 and related Schedules	Hospital/LHIN	No later than January 31, 2011
Sign 2011-13 Hospital Service Accountability Agreement	Hospital/LHIN	No later than March 31, 2011

Obligation Timeline Diagram

Definitions:

Planning Target = For negotiations

Confirm = Confirm signed agreement amounts after appropriation of monies by the Legislature of Ontario

			F	Funding Year				
	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
		2007/08 HAA	2	2008-11 H-SA	A			
June 06	Confirm Schedule C Funding	Planning Target	Planning Target					
June 07		Confirm Schedule C Funding	Planning Target (Oct)	Planning Target (Oct)				
Feb. 08			Negotiated Schedule C Funding	Negotiated Schedule C Funding				
June 08			Confirm Schedule C Funding	Reaffirm Schedule C Funding	Planning Target			
June 09				Confirm Schedule C Funding	Planning Target			
Feb. 10					Negotiated Schedule C Funding			
June 10					Confirm Schedule C Funding			

Funding Obligations are shaded

Planning Obligations are not shaded

Schedule B-1 Performance Obligations for 10/11

1.0 Performance Corridors for Service Volumes and Performance Indicators

1.1 The provisions of Article 1 of Schedule B apply in fiscal year 10/11 with all references to Schedule D being read as referring to Schedule D-1.

2.0 PERFORMANCE CORRIDORS FOR PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- 2.1 The provisions of Article 2 of Schedule B apply in fiscal year 10/11 subject to the following amendments:
 - (a) sub articles 2.2, 2.3 and 2.6 shall be deleted; and
 - (b) all references to Schedule D shall be read as referring to Schedule D-1.

3.0 Performance Obligations with respect to Nursing Enhancement/Conversion

3.1 The provisions of Article 3 of Schedule B apply in fiscal year 10/11with all references to Schedule D being read as referring to Schedule D-1.

4.0 PERFORMANCE OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO CRITICAL CARE

- 4.1 The provisions of Article 4 of Schedule B apply in fiscal year 10/11 subject to the following amendments:
 - (a) references to "2008/09" and "2009/10" shall be read as referring to "2010/11".
 - (b) all references to Schedule E shall be read as referring to Schedule E-1.

5.0 PERFORMANCE OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO POST CONSTRUCTION OPERATING PLAN FUNDING AND VOLUME

- 5.1 The provisions of Article 5 of Schedule B apply in fiscal year 10/11, subject to the following amendments:
 - (a) references to Schedule F shall be read as referring to Schedule F-1;
 - (b) references to "2008/09 and 09/10" shall be read as referring to 2010/11.

6.0 PERFORMANCE OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO PROTECTED SERVICES

- The Performance Obligations set out in Article 6 of Schedule B apply in fiscal year 10/11, subject to the following amendments:
 - (a) All references to Schedule D or Schedule G shall be read as referring to Schedules D-1 and G-1 respectively; and
 - (b) All references to "2008/09 and 09/10" shall be read as referring to "2010/11"

7.0 Performance Obligations with respect to Wait Time Services

7.1 The Performance Obligations set out in Article 7 of Schedule B apply to fiscal year 10/11 with all references to Schedules A, G, or H being read as referring to Schedules A-1, G-1 or H-1 respectively.

8.0 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

- 8.1 The reporting obligations set out in Article 8 of Schedule B apply to fiscal year 10/11.
- 8.2 The following reporting obligations are added to Article 8 of Schedule B:
 - (a) French Language Services. If the Hospital is required to provide services to the public in French under the provisions of the French Language Services Act, the Hospital will be required to submit a French language implementation report to the LHIN. If the Hospital is not required to provide services to the public in French under the provisions of the French Language Service Act, it will be required to provide a report to the LHIN that outlines how the Hospital addresses the needs of its local Francophone community."

9.0 LHIN SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE OBLIGATIONS

- 9.1 Except where specifically limited to a given year, the obligations set out in Article 9 of Schedule B apply to fiscal 10/11. Without limiting the foregoing, waivers or conditional waivers for 08/09 and 09/10 do not apply to 10/11.
- 9.2 Additional LHIN Specific Performance Obligations

In addition to the existing LHIN specific obligations in the 2008-10 H-SAA, the hospital agrees to:

- 1) actively participate in the LHIN's Resource Matching and Referral Initiative including:
 - (i) submission of referrals as early as appropriate in patient's stay.
 - (ii) ensuring timely responses to referrals when functioning as a receiving hospital.
- 2) actively support the Value and Affordability Strategy by:
 - participating in the Value and Affordability taskforces;
 - (ii) participating in the Decision Support Collaborative, and;
 - (iii) implementing recommendations approved by Hospital CEOs resulting from hospital sector table discussions
- 3) refresh the Hospital's health equity plan, utilizing templates and guidelines developed by the LHIN in partnership with the Hospital Collaborative for Marginalized Populations, by September 30, 2010 and use the LHIN Health Equity Impact Assessment Tool to develop the plan.
- 4) annually evaluate the effectiveness of its Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer.

9.3 Waiver

- 9.3.1 The Hospital has advised the LHIN that it anticipates a total margin deficit of no more than 2% ("Allowed Deficit") for the 2010/11 fiscal year. The Hospital (i) confirms that it has sufficient working capital to fund this anticipated deficit and (ii) agrees that it will fund this deficit out of its working capital.
- 9.3.2 Subject to 9.3.1, the LHIN agrees to waive the requirements of 6.1.3 (a) from April 1, 2010 up to six weeks after a formal funding announcement is made by the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care (the "Waiver Period").
- 9.3.3 If at any time during the Waiver Period it appears that the Hospital will exceed the Allowed Deficit, the Hospital will:
- (i) immediately advise the LHIN;
 - (ii) prepare a Hospital Improvement Plan (HIP) that will enable the Hospital to achieve an Allowed Deficit within the Waiver Period and a balanced operating position by year-end once a formal funding announcement is made
 - (iii) ensure the board approved HIP is delivered to the LHIN within 2 weeks of notifying the LHIN as per (i) above.
 - (iv) implement those parts of the HIP that are acceptable to the LHIN; and
 - (v) Hospital fulfils such other conditions as the LHIN requires.

9.4 RUG Weighted Patient Days

Sunnybrook has advised the LHIN that it would like to resubmit a revised Resource Utilization Group (RUG) weighted patient days performance target once funding for 2010/11 has been confirmed. This revision will take into consideration the patient population that is not currently captured in the RUG methodology. The revision will be made upon LHIN review and approval of the suggested change.

spital Multi-Year Funding Allocation	Schedule C1 2010/11
Iospital TORONTO Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre	表 1. 以 1. 1 1. 1 1. 1 1. 1 1. 1 1. 1 1.
	2010/11 Planning Allocation Base One-Time (Assumed not approve
ac # 953	
Opening Base Funding	\$475,805,697
Multi-Year Funding Incremental Adjustment	
Other Funding	
Funding adjustment 1 (Emergency Room Performance Fund.)	\$878,100
Funding Adjustment 2 (Nurse Led Outreach team)	\$250,000 \$240,000
Funding Adjustment 3 (PET insured scan services) Funding adjustment 4 (Anesthesia Care Team (ACT))	\$595,000
Funding adjustment 5 (ACT Phase 2)	\$113,000
Funding adjustment 6 (Surgical First Assist) Funding adjustment 7	\$169,000
Other Items	
Prior Years' Payments	
Critical care Strategies Schedule E	
PCOP: Schedule F	
PCOP	
Stable Priority Services: Schedule G	
Chronic Kidney Disease	
Cardiac Catherization	
Cardiac and transplant services	\$1,790,900
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Provincial Strategies; Schedule G Organ Transplantation	
Endovascular aortic aneurysm repair	\$520,000
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Electrophysiology studies EPS/ablation	
Percutaneous coronary Intervention (PCI)	
Implantable cardiac defibrillators (ICD)	
Daily nocturnal home hemodialysis	
Provincial peritoneal dialysis initiative	
Newborn screening program	
Specialized Hospital Services: Schedule G	
Cardiac Rehabilitation	
Visudyne Therapy	
Total Hip and Knee Joint Replacements (Non-WTS)	\$1,840,900
Magnetic Resonance Imaging	
Regional Trauma	\$6,545,000
Regional & District Stroke Centres	
Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres	
Provincial Regional Genetic Services	
HIV Outpatient Clinics	
Hemophiliac Ambulatory Clinics	
Permanent Cardiac Pacemaker Services	
Proyincial Resources	
Bone Marrow Transplant	
Adult Interventional Cardiology for Congenital Heart Defects	
Cardiac Laser Lead Removals	
Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy Services	
Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repairs (TAA)	
Health Results (Wait Time Strategy): Schedule H	
Selected Cardiac Services	
Total Hip and Knee Joint Replacements Cataract Surgeries	\$6,352,100
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)	\$1,963,000
Computed Tomography (CT)	\$127,800
Total Additional Base and One Time Funding	\$475,805,697 \$21,384,800
Total Allocation*	\$497,190,497
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Allocations not provided in this schedule for 2010/11, will be provided to hospitals in subsequent planning cycles. Hospitals should assume, for planning purposes, funding for similar volumes for Priority Services in out-years.

Iobal Volumes spital TORONTO Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre		Schedule D1 2010/11		
ac#	953			
Blobal Volum		Units of Service	2010/11 Performance Target	2010/11 Performance Standard**
	ctivity, including Day Surgery*	Weighted Cases	50,400	48,888 - 51,912
Other				
Complex (Continuing Care	RUG Weighted Patient Days	110,000	> 103,400
Mental He	alth	Inpatient Days	10,731	> 10,087
ELDCAP*	***	Inpatient Days	64,000	62,720 - 65,280
	ig home (level II) beds funded by the VAC and a on prior agreement with the Ministry.	re not Ministry funded ELDCAP beds. They		
Rehabilita	tion	Inpatient Days	4,000	> 3400
Emergeno	y Department Visits	Visits	44,967	> 40,470
Ambulator	y Care***	Visits	550,000	> 517,000

Performance Indicators Hospital TORONTO Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre 953 Fac# 2010/11 2010/11 Performance Performance **Performance Indicators** Standard** Target **HSAA Performance Indicators** Perfomance Indicators For All Hospitals 0.47 - 0.57 **Current Ratio** 0.52 0% Year End Total Margin -2% **Volume Performance Indicators under Global Volumes vary in application based on hospital type.

Critical Care Funding Hospital TORONTO Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre TBD - This target will be inserted upon the LHIN's acceptence of the recommended targets made by the LHIN's Clincal Services Leadership Team (CSLT)

Once negotiated, an amendment will be made under section 15.3 of the Agreement to include these targets and any additional conditions not otherwise set out in Schedule B or B1. This funding would be an additional in-year allocation contemplated by section 5.3 of the Agreement

Post-Construction Operating Plan Funding and Volume

Schedule F1 2010/11

Hospital TORONTO Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Emergency Department PCOP: Sunnybrook has been funded to perform 3,772 additional ED visits included in base funding on Schedule C. These volumes have been included in the 2010/11 Performance Targets on Schedule D.

Women's & Babies Relocation PCOP: Funding for this is still pending. This is not yet approved. However Sunnybrook is assuming that it will receive funding for at least the increased facility costs in order to sustain a balanced budget.

Once negotiated, an amendment (Sch F1.1) will be made under section 15.3 of the Agreement to include these targets and any additional conditions not otherwise set out in Schedule B or B1. This funding would be an additional in-year allocation contemplated by section 5.3 of the Agreement

Protected Services Schedule G1 2010/11 Hospital TORONTO Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre Fac# 953 2010/11 2010/11 2011/12 LHIN Performance Performance Units of Service Target Standard Plan Stable Priority Services Chronic Kidney Disease Weighted Units 52,860 TBD 52,860 Cardiac Catherization **Procedures** 3,300 3,300 TBD Cardiac Surgery Weighted Units 750 750 TBD **Provincial Strategies** N/A N/A TBD Organ Transplantation* Cases Endovascular aortic aneurysm repair Electrophysiology studies EPS/ablation Percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) Implantable cardiac defibrillators (ICD) Daily nocturnal home hemodialysis Provincial peritoneal dialysis initiative Newborn screening program **Specialized Hospital Services** Number of Cardiac Rehabilitation patients treated N/A N/A N/A Number of insured Visudyne Therapy N/A N/A N/A Visudyne vials Total Hip and Knee Joint Number of 1,541 1,541 TBD Replacements (Non-WTS) Implant Devices Magnetic Resonance Imaging Hours of operation 8,320 8,320 TBD Regional Trauma 850 850 TBD Cases Regional & District Stroke Centres Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres Provincial Regional Genetic Services **HIV Outpatient Clinics** Hemophiliac Ambulatory Clinics Permanent Cardiac Pacemaker Services **Provincial Resources** Bone Marrow Transplant Adult Interventional Cardiology for Congenital Heart Defects Cardiac Laser Lead Removals Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy Services Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repairs (TAA)

Note: Additional accountabilities assigned in Schedule B, B1

Funding and volumes for these services should be planned for based on 2009/10 approved allocations. Amendments, pursuant to section 5.2 of this Agreement, may be made during the quarterly submission process.

^{*} Organ Transplantation - Funding for living donation (kidney & liver) included as part of organ transplantation funding. Hospitals are funded retrospectively for deceased donor management activity, reported and validated by the Trillium Gift of Life Network.

Schedule H1 2010/11 **Wait Time Services** Hospital TORONTO Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre Fac# 2009/10 Funded 2010/11 Funded 953 Incremental Volumes ** Incremental Volumes ** Base Volumes Refer to Schedule G for Cardiac Service Volumes and Targets Selected Cardiac Services Total Hip and Knee Joint Replacements 689 1,541 689 1,541 (Total Implantations) Cataract Surgeries 0 510 510 0 (Total Procedures) Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) 8,320 7,550 8,320 7,550 (Total Hours) Computed Tomography (CT) 14,913 511 14,913 511 (Total Hours)

2010/11 incremental based on 09/10 final allocation,

^{*} The 2009/10 Funded volumes are as a reference only

^{**} Once negotiated, an amendment will be made under section 15,3 of the Agreement to include these targets and any additional conditions not otherwise set out in Schedule B, B1. This funding would be an additional in-year allocation contemplated by section 5.3 of the Agreement,

Appendix A

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February 1, 2010

Mr. Ken Deane
Assistant Deputy Minister
Accountability & Performance
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Dear Ken

We are writing to provide you with a further update from the Joint LHIN/OHA Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (H-SAA) Steering Committee. As a valued partner in the process, we want to ensure that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is aware of and in alignment with our proposed course of action.

Current Accountability Obligations of LHINs and Hospitals

Subsection 29(1) of the Local Health Systems Integration Act 2006 (The Act), stipulates that LHINs are required to enter into a service accountability agreement (SAA) with each of the health service providers that they fund. Subsection 19(2) of the Act requires that such funding provided to health service providers be in accordance with: (i) the funding that the LHIN receives from the MOHLTC; and (ii) the LHIN's accountability agreement with the MOHLTC.

Schedule 5 of the Ministry-LHIN Accountability Agreement (M-LAA 2007-10) stipulates that the Ministry will provide the LHINs with multi-year funding targets for each LHIN Operating and Transfer Payment Budget. Schedule 5 further describes the obligation of the LHINs to plan for and achieve an annual balanced budget for each of the operating budgets and transfer payment budgets and to include balance budget provisions in agreements with health service providers, including hospitals.

The Hospitals and the LHINs did enter into a service accountability agreement (H-SAA 2008-10). The terms and conditions of the H-SAA 2008-2010 are in accordance with: (i) the funding that the LHIN receives from the MOHLTC; and (ii) the M-LAA 2007-10.

Part II of Schedule A, of the H-SAA 2008-10, provides for a planning process for entering into the 2010-12 H-SAA. This process anticipated the announcement of multi-year funding allocations (reaffirm 2010-11 and announce 2011-12 planning targets) as a basis for the completion of the hospital negotiation of the 2010-12 H-SAA.





An Extraordinary Year

We recognize that this is an extraordinary year for the provincial government economically. We also acknowledge that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is not able to provide LHINs and hospitals with the funding targets required by the above noted legislative and contractual obligations. We are appreciative of the efforts you and your staff have undertaken to try and provide us with planning targets for 2010/11. We do understand the reasons for the delay in providing this information. As you know, the H-SAA Steering Committee has been working hard to help hospitals and LHINs work closely together in responding to this unique environment. Accordingly, we have developed a process that will enable funding to continue to flow to hospitals in the absence of these allocations.

Joint LHIN/Hospital/Ministry Solutions Required for 2010/11:

The process that we have developed contemplates agreement on a common legal vehicle to extend the terms and conditions of the current 2008-10 H-SAA to cover 2010-11. In this regard we wanted to bring several of its elements to your attention:

- In the absence of a planning allocation, the extension will allow 09/10 base funding revenues and volumes to be carried over into 2010/11;
- The provision for balanced budget waivers and the criteria for LHINs to grant such a waiver (as per the 08/10 H-SAA), is included for the 10/11 extension period;
- Hospitals will be asked to submit a balanced budget plan once they have been advised by the LHINs of a final funding allocation for 2010/11; and,
- Once the allocation is known, revised H-SAA schedules for 2010/11 will be established.

Inherent in the process described above are two deviations from the current process, factors that require support from the Ministry:

- LHINs will continue to fund Hospitals at 09/10 levels without any provision for inflation/adjustment to revenue. Consequently, a large number of hospitals are likely to run a deficit for this period and as a result, LHINs may not be able to meet the MLAA balanced budget obligation for the extension period (10/11).
- During the extension period, hospitals may be in a negative total margin position, potentially increasing working capital deficits.

It should also be noted that a significant assumption included in the "extension agreement" is that priority programs, wait times and PCOP funding will remain at current levels.

This letter contains a sign-back to confirm your agreement with the process that we have set out including relief from the contractual obligations that cannot be met under these conditions.

We have planned a web cast for February 10, 2010 to provide hospitals and LHINs with clarification on the process to extend the 2008-10 H-SAA for 2010-11 and review the elements of the amending agreement and schedules. We are requesting receipt of your sign-back in advance so that we can proceed with moving forward with implementing this plan.



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LHINs and hospitals continue to be focused on providing quality patient care to Ontarians with resources available. It goes without saying however, that a timely decision on funding allocations (e.g. base, wait times, PCOP, provincial programs) is a crucial step in allowing the hospitals and LHINs to move forward with implementing the measures necessary to operate within budgets.

During these unprecedented economic times, now more than ever before we know that the government, LHINs and hospitals share the same vital objectives and that we must continue to work very closely together. We look forward to receipt of your sign-back at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

Sandra Hanmer

Co-Chair, H-SAA Steering Committee

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Co-Chair, H-SAA Steering Committee

Authorizing Sign-back

I acknowledge that:

- The ADM November 2007 letter provided to LHINs outlining terms and conditions for granting waivers to hospitals regarding the Balanced Budget obligations in the 2008-2010 HSAA will also apply to the H-SAA extension for 2010/11 and;
- After a the MOHLTC provides funding allocations to the LHINs, LHINs will require
 hospitals to submit a plan to achieve balanced budgets and LHINs and Hospitals will
 establish revised Schedules for the 2010/11 H-SAA extension as necessary.

Signed,

J. Kenneth Deane

Assistant Deputy Minister

Health Accountability and Performance Division