

# SEAMO NEWSLETTER

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## **FUNDING AGREEMENT CONTRACT ISSUES**

### **Stale-date Submissions and Re-submissions to be re-opened**

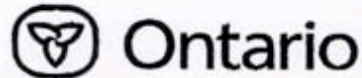
As a result of a wide variety of problems related to the initiation of shadow billing, SEAMO requested that first year claims be re-opened to submission and re-submission. Today, the Ministry provided confirmation of an agreement to re-open stale dated claims. A copy of this letter is attached to this Newsletter.

### **Gynaecological Oncology**

In keeping with the province-wide Agreement signed with the Gynaecological Oncology Group of Ontario, SEAMO requested a rate adjustment and a new funded position in gynaecological oncology. Under the terms of the SEAMO Agreement, the benefits of such province-wide academic plans should flow to SEAMO. Although the rate adjustment was agreed by the Ministry, they have as yet to approve the additional position.

### **Appendix L**

A methodology for calculating the amounts equivalent to the increases related to Appendix L of the OMA/Ministry Framework Agreement was last week. This method was referred to the Clinical Teachers Association for review.



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Dear Dr. Walker:

**Re: SEAMO Stale Dated Claims**

The introduction of claims submission by SEAMO physicians has been complex, but the efforts of the professionals involved have contributed to a very successful beginning. Working together, SEAMO and the ministry have addressed many of the initial implementation issues, including those related to the submission of stale dated claims. We will continue to work closely with SEAMO to address remaining claims submission issues.

Although the deadline for 2005-06 stale dated claims submission has expired, the ministry has committed to develop a plan that will enable these claims to be submitted and processed for payment. This will enable us to make appropriate payments for service encounter reporting, Wait Time Strategy claims, and Appendix "L" flow through payments. My staff will be meeting with SEAMO staff shortly to begin this process.

We will also review current claims processing issues and make recommendations to facilitate the process. In the meantime, it is important that service encounter reporting and eligible Wait Time Strategy claims are submitted as soon after the service date as possible and in accordance with OHIP billing requirements to avoid additional stale dated claims.

Once again, I would like to thank SEAMO physicians and staff for their continuing efforts and assistance in this initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K. Stanley".

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