

AHSC AFP INCREMENTAL FUNDING

2007/08 Retroactive AHSC AFP Incremental Funding

Most clinical departments have received their retroactive AHSC AFP incremental funding. These funds, which were allocated by the SEAMO Governing Committee on May 29, were held centrally pending verification that the departmental practice plans met the requirements of the contract between SEAMO, the Ministry of Health and the Ontario Medical Association. Four of thirteen practice plans have yet to submit the necessary information. This is expected some time in September.

Ongoing AHSC AFP Incremental Funding

Decisions on the allocation of the ongoing AHSC AFP incremental funds have yet to be made. There are three Committees which must consider different aspects of the issue and report to the Governing Committee before final decisions can be made.

The Advisory Committee on Departmental Deliverables ("ACDD") has developed over two years, and in collaboration with Department Heads, a comprehensive data base on activity in patient care, education and research. This information serves as a basis for measuring activity related to the allocations decisions. Additionally, the ACDD has submitted to SEAMO a series of recommendations which have been accepted or accepted in principle and must be considered by those recommending allocation rules to the Governing Committee.

The Task Group on Operationalizing SEAMO Principles will consider the rules by which allocations may be made and will recommend these rules to the SEAMO Resources Committee.

The SEAMO Resources Committee recommends budget allocations to the Governing Committee. The Task Group on Operationalizing Principles is a sub-committee of The Resources Committee. Its recommendations will be considered by Resources and amended as necessary before these recommendations are made to the Governing Committee.

In order to coordinate the work of these three groups, the Chairs of the three groups will meet with the representatives of CTAQ to make clear the relationships between the Committees and to ensure a timely completion of the work.

ACADEMIC MEDICINE STEERING COMMITTEE

The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and the Ontario Medical Association have now created an Academic Medicine Steering Committee ("AMSC"). This Committee is advisory to the Physicians Services Committee ("PSC"), a bilateral OMA/Ministry Committee.

The AMSC is charged with making recommendations to PSC on matters related to academic medicine in Ontario and, in particular, to decisions with regard to the funds available for academic physicians as negotiated between the OMA and the Ministry.

The AMSC is co-chaired by Dr. Stewart Kennedy of the OMA and Susan Fitzpatrick of the Ministry of Health. Other members include Dr. Barry McLelland (nominated by Ontario Teaching Hospitals), Dr. Barry Rubin (nominated by the Governing Committee Chairs) and Dr. John Brown (nominated by Ontario's Deans).

The AMSC was inactive during the summer and it is expected that it will begin to address outstanding issues shortly.