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Ms. Sarah Ford
Chief Executive Officer
Canadian Hemophilia Society
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Dear Ms. Ford:

Re: The Ontario Hepatitis C Assistance Plan is Sunsetting

As a hepatitis C interest holder, we are reaching out to inform you that the Ontario Hepatitis C Assistance Plan (OHCAP) will be winding down. The Ministry of Health is responsibly sunsetting a successful, long-standing program that has achieved its goal of providing equitable access to hepatitis C compensation, with strong uptake for nearly 30 years. Over the last decade there has been a steady decline in applications indicating that the program has reached a saturation point.

To ensure that eligible individuals and health care providers are aware of the timelines and application process before the program closes, we are asking for your support in sharing this information through your newsletter or your other communication channels.

The program will sunset according to the following timeline:

- **Application Submission Deadline:** June 30, 2026
- **Estimated Program Closure Date:** August 31, 2027

How to Apply

To be considered for compensation, applicants must submit the following documents by **11:59 p.m. ET on June 30, 2026:**

- Completed and signed Applicant and Physician forms
- A copy of a positive HCV public health laboratory result

Applications can be submitted directly to:

- Fastest: Email to OHCAP@Ontario.ca
- By mail: Ministry of Health
Ontario Hepatitis C Assistance Plan
Box 751, 77 Wellesley Street West
Toronto ON M7A 9Z9

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All information collected is kept confidential in accordance with the **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**.

Application Forms

Primary/Secondary Applications:

- [Applicant Form and Instructions](#)
- [Physician Form and Instructions](#)

Estate Applications:

- [Applicant Form for Estates and Instructions](#)
- [Physician Form for Estates and Instructions](#)

Designated Representative:

- [Appointment of a Designated Representative](#)

Additional Information

- The application process may take over 12 months, depending on the availability of hospital and transfusion records.
- OHCAP compensation does not affect eligibility for other programs such as social assistance, Trillium Drug Benefit, or family benefits.
- Compensation is not considered taxable income by Revenue Canada.
- Each eligible applicant will receive a one-time lump sum of \$25,000.
- Applicants who are deemed ineligible may request an independent review by the OHCAP Review Committee.

Further information is available at [Ontario Hepatitis C Assistance Plan – Ontario.ca](#)

We value your support in sharing this information and would appreciate the opportunity to review the draft communication for accuracy. Your help will ensure that those who may benefit from the program have the information they need before the final application deadline.

If you need more information, please contact Joanne Lush, Manager, HIV and Hepatitis C Programs at joanne.lush@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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