



May 1, 2017

TO: ALL SECTION and TARIFF, MIG and FORUM CHAIRS

Subject: Negotiations 2017 – Consultations

Dear Colleagues:

As previously communicated, the OMA is currently in discussions with the government for a binding interest arbitration agreement.

In anticipation of a successful conclusion to those discussions, we are undertaking consultations with Section and Tariff, MIG and Forum Chairs to identify negotiations issues and priorities.

First, we ask that you begin the dialogue with your Section members to ascertain your Section's negotiation priorities. Sections are asked to provide written submissions of their negotiations priorities to negotiations@oma.org by Sunday May 28, 2017 at the latest.

Specifically, the Negotiations Committee is requesting you identify the top 3 – 5 negotiations priorities of your Section. To help us better understand the value you attach to each of your priorities, we ask you to assign a nominal total of points to each priority. You have a total of 100 points to allocate to all your priorities. For example, if you list 5 priorities you can give each one 20 points or attach 50 points to your highest priority and distribute your remaining 50 points to your other 4 priorities. This scoring system will be of significant importance as we develop our negotiations mandate.

Second, the Negotiations Committee will be holding face to face meetings with Sections, MIGs and Forums upon request. This will give an opportunity for you to further explain the views of your constituents and will allow us to provide further context to the negotiations process. One specific item we'd like you to address is appropriateness and the role you see for doctors more broadly and your section more specifically to define appropriate utilization of medical services. If you require any assistance in reaching out to your members, OMA Negotiations & Implementation and Constituency Services staff are pleased to help.

We know that with the recent release of the Auditor General's report, the government has a keen interest in accountability, and the OMA wants to ensure that it is prepared to bring the physicians' perspective on the issue to the negotiations table. You will be receiving a survey in the coming weeks from the Healthcare System Accountability and Savings

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Working Group (HSASWG) to identify and prioritize significant opportunities for improvement in accountability that currently exist in the healthcare system – across government, patients, physicians and other entities. The HSASWG will present its findings to the OMA Board and the OMA Negotiations Committee.

The Negotiations Committee will be holding consultations on the following dates:

- Friday May 12
- Friday May 19
- Wednesday May 24
- Friday June 2
- Friday June 9
- Friday June 16
- Friday June 23

Meetings will be held at the OMA, located on the 9th floor of the OMA offices at 150 Bloor Street West, Toronto. **Please RSVP by Wednesday May 10, 2017 to negotiations@oma.org with your first, second and third preferred meeting dates and indicate morning or afternoon.**

Your contribution, and that of your members, is fundamental to informing the process for establishing the mandate of the Negotiations Committee and subsequent deliberations with government. New this year, and in an attempt to engage as many members as possible in the setting of our negotiations mandate, we will be sharing this letter with all OMA members

Thank you for your support. We look forward to working with you, hearing your feedback and receiving your input over the upcoming months.

Sincerely,

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