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VIA EMAIL

July 6, 2023

Dr. Stephen Goddard
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Dear Dr. Goddard:

Re: Rural & Northern Physician Group Agreement (RNPGA) Complement Review

As part of the 2021 Physician Services Agreement, the Ministry of Health (the “ministry”) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) established a time-limited bilateral working group to conduct an RNPGA complement review and to determine FTE complements for all 38 RNPGA communities that are required to render appropriate care to the communities they serve.

The RNPGA complement review is now complete and the revised complements result in a net increase to the overall number of physicians in northern and rural Ontario communities where they are needed most.

I am pleased to advise that your group’s complement will increase by 1 FTE bringing your total available complement to 2 FTEs, effective April 1, 2023.

The ministry will provide your group with a revised RNPGA contract in the coming months with applicable contract revisions as directed in the 2021 Physician Services Agreement.

Should you require any further information or clarification, you may contact the ministry by emailing Lisa Alphonse, Program Manager, Northern Health Programs at (Lisa.Alphonse@ontario.ca). Alternatively, you may contact the OMA by emailing Richard Rodrigue at (richard.rodrigue@oma.org).

Dr. Stephen Goddard

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to providing care to northern Ontarians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teresa Buchanan', followed by a period.

Teresa Buchanan
Assistant Deputy Minister

c: Mr. John Bozzo, Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Medical Association
Mr. Adam Farber, General Counsel, Ontario Medical Association
Mr. Dan O'Mara, Mayor, Municipality of Temagami
Mr. Jim Yuill, Director, Financial Management Branch, Ministry of Health