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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 28, 2024

TO: ADP-registered Authorizers and Vendors for Hearing Devices

FROM: David Schachow
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RE: Follow-up to ADP Hearing Devices Application Form

This memo provides information regarding the Assistive Devices Program's (ADP's) Hearing Devices Application Form.

In response to communications from stakeholders, some of the changes previously announced are being paused to give time for further consultation with the hearing devices sector. We appreciate the longstanding partnerships we have with both Vendors and Authorizers that serve our mutual clients.

Addendum to the Hearing Devices Policy and Administration Manual

This memo constitutes an addendum to the Hearing Devices Policy and Administration Manual dated July 2023 and available on the Ministry of Health website and forms part of the "Manual(s)" within the meaning of the Authorizer Agreements and Vendor Agreements.

Effective immediately, the Hearing Devices Application Forms requiring a prescriber signature and an Authorizer signature that are currently in use to apply for funding for an authorized hearing device (the "Current Form") will continue to be accepted. Physicians are removed as prescribers effective immediately.

For clarity, there is no change in who can be listed as the Authorizer on the Current Form. The Authorizer must be either an Audiologist¹, a hearing instrument specialist or a person who has passed the ADP Level II exams and was grandfathered into the hearing aid category as an Authorizer and who can provide proof that they are a practicing member in good standing of the Association of Hearing Instrument Practitioners of Ontario.

The Ministry is still committed in its desire to modernize the process and make it easier for Ontarians to access the services they need. We continue to appreciate the contribution of all our health care partners to the health care system and your ongoing efforts to meet the needs of ADP clients.

If you have any questions related to this memo, please send them directly to the ADP at adp@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your continuing support to Ontario residents with hearing loss.

Original signed by

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Enclosure

¹ For TTYs, this is a speech-language therapist