

Monday, February 14, 2022

**MEMORANDUM TO:** CHF QBP Hospitals & Ontario Health Teams Leads

**FROM:** Ontario Health & Ontario Ministry of Health

**RE:** Congestive Heart Failure Quality-Based Procedure (CHF QBP) Opportunity

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Thank you for your ongoing partnership and tremendous commitment to your patients and the healthcare system during this extremely challenging time.

This letter is intended to provide you with some next steps following the *Congestive Heart Failure Quality-Based Procedure (CHF QBP) Expansion* webinars held by the Ministry of Health (the “ministry”) and CorHealth Ontario in June and July of 2021, to support continuing high quality integrated care and population health for all Ontarians living with Heart Failure (HF).

The provision of better integrated, more coordinated care for Ontarians living with HF requires efforts across all health care sectors. As you know, Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) were introduced in 2019 as a new model of integrated, population health-focused care, where groups of providers and organizations will be clinically and fiscally accountable for delivering a full and coordinated continuum of care to a defined population.

The ministry and Ontario Health recognizes the opportunity to advance HF care through OHTs. To this end, we are planning to test and assess opportunities to integrate the service delivery model for HF patients through OHTs, including primary care, community-based and hospital care, starting with five (5) demonstration sites across the province. Information from this demonstration project may be used to inform future decisions regarding the service delivery model for HF patients as well as provide insights into the broader development of integrated funding models for OHTs.

Participating demonstration sites will have:

1. A ‘no-loss provision’ applied to their CHF QBP funding allocation for two consecutive fiscal years (2022/23 – 2023/24), as they engage in quality improvement initiatives to reduce acute care utilization for people with HF by offering appropriate non-acute services for this patient population including with other OHT service providers. The no-loss provision will help to ensure that sites which are successful in reducing hospital admissions will not be subject to recoveries for CHF QBP volumes not performed.
2. An opportunity to receive additional financial supports (seed funding flowed through the identified OHT Implementation Supports Funding transfer payment recipient) to accelerate integrated, and digitally enabled, HF services in collaboration with their OHT.

For CHF QBP hospitals that are not participating as one of the demonstration sites, the existing QBP volume management policies (i.e., in-year reallocations and year-end reconciliations) will remain unchanged.

To be considered for one of the demonstration sites, your team must meet the eligibility criteria and requirements as outlined in the business case and submit the business case using the provided template to Ontario Health by Monday, April 4, 2022. Completed templates should be submitted to [OHTSupport@ontariohealth.ca](mailto:OHTSupport@ontariohealth.ca). All proposals will be reviewed by Ontario Health and the ministry, and all sites will be notified regarding the outcome of their submission.

We appreciate your continued work towards improving integrated HF care and patient outcomes. If you have any questions, please contact [OHTSupport@ontariohealth.ca](mailto:OHTSupport@ontariohealth.ca). If you intend to apply or have any questions, please complete a short survey here: <https://bit.ly/3s7JFW8> by Monday, February 28, 2022.

Sincerely,

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