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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Executive Directors / Chief Executive Officers of Children's  
Treatment Centres  
Chief Executive Officers of Local Health Integration Networks

**DATE:** August 31, 2018

**FROM:** Darryl Sturtevant, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and  
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**RE:** **Transfer of Contracts for School-Based Rehabilitation Services  
from Local Health Integration Networks to Children's Treatment  
Centres**

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The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the transition of contracts from Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) to Children's Treatment Centres (CTCs) for the delivery of physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology (school-based rehabilitation services) in publicly-funded schools.

The transfer of responsibility for school-based rehabilitation service contracts under the School Health Professional Service Program from LHINs to CTCs will occur in a phased approach commencing as early as November 2018 through to January 2019 based on local readiness. From that date, CTCs will be responsible for school-based rehabilitation services, previously delivered through the LHINs.

LHINs and CTCs are advised to immediately resume all necessary transition activities, including the transfer of data, while ensuring compliance with applicable privacy legislation to protect and preserve personal health information.

All referrals for these services will continue to be made to the LHINs until the timing of each local transition has been confirmed. LHINs will have the continued legal authority to deliver school-based rehabilitation services to eligible children in publicly-funded schools until each transfer is completed. The government has revoked regulatory amendments previously

scheduled to come into effect on September 28, 2018, under the *Home Care and Community Services Act, 1994*, that would have removed the requirement for LHINs to provide physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology in publicly funded schools. Revoking the regulation and delaying implementation will ensure that LHINs can continue to provide the children's rehabilitation services after September. All parties will continue to work together to ensure a smooth transition.

Once the ministries have confirmed the final transfer dates, a new effective date for amending Regulation 386/99 under the *Home Care and Community Services Act, 1994*, will be recommended to government.

It is the ministries' expectation that the transition of contracts from LHINs to CTCs will cause no changes to the service delivery for students currently in service and families should experience no disruptions or additional waits as a result of the transfer or during the 2018-19 school year.

Further information, including details about the phased approach to contract transfers and next steps, will be provided shortly.

Thank you for your continued leadership as we move forward with improving services for children with rehabilitation service needs and their families in Ontario.

Sincerely,



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