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Dear Allied Health Professional:

Notice to Eligible Applicants: Allied Health Professional Development Fund

The government is taking a comprehensive approach to modernizing the public health care system with a focus on patient experience and better-connected care. As part of this effort, health care investments are being focused where they will have the most impact, on frontline care.

After careful review of its use and eligibility requirements, the Ministry has decided to discontinue the Allied Health Professional Development Fund by March 2, 2020.

All applications received to date and all applications received up to and including March 2, 2020 will be reviewed as normal. If you have not already received notification of the updated status of your grant application, one will be sent to you once a review is complete. Any applications submitted after March 2, 2020 will not be considered eligible for reimbursement.

Going forward, the ministry will be working with its system partners (including professional associations) in allied health to identify the best ways to support the continuing education of the entire allied health workforce including the design of any future programs.

If you have any questions please contact Allied Health Programs, Capacity and Health Workforce Planning Branch at <u>alliedhealthprograms@ontario.ca</u>.

Sincerely,

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