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Judy Melville
Executive Director
Ontario Dental Assistants Association
869 Dundas Street
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Dear Ms. Melville,

As you know, on March 26 2010, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Hon. Deb Mathews asked for advice from Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council (HPRAC) regarding whether Dental Assistants should be regulated in Ontario under the *Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA), 1991*. Specifically, the Minister asked "whether the practice of Dental Assistants ought to be regulated under the *RHPA* and if so, what would be the appropriate scope of practice, controlled acts and titles authorized to the profession". The Minister has also asked that the Council "take into account the activities these practitioners undertake with respect to x-rays and other forms of energy and the circumstances in which these are being done".

HPRAC is now asking your organization to complete the application to regulate Dental Assistants under the *RHPA*. In order to facilitate this process, we are sending you the following items:

1. Application
2. Application Guide
3. Research reviews (i.e., literature, jurisdictional and jurisprudence) on Dental Assistants prepared by HPRAC
4. Timelines

Please submit your completed application to HPRAC by 03:00 PM EST on Thursday, November 10, 2011.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at HPRACSubmissions@ontario.ca or 416-326-1550.

We look forward to working with you on this important review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Corcoran". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Thomas Corcoran
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Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council