Appendix A

The Minister's July 1998 Referral Letter

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July 24, 1998

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Dear Dr. ~~Alder~~: Rob

In February 1994, the Minister of Health under the former government referred the issue of the use of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents by optometrists to the Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council (HPRAC) in accordance with Section 12 of the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 (RHPA). This section provides that the Minister must refer matters to the Advisory Council at the request of a College Council or a person.

As you are aware, in September 1995, the former Chair of HPRAC recommended that the Minister interrupt the Advisory Council's process on this referral until further notice. My predecessor agreed with this recommendation and requested HPRAC to halt this referral until further notice. The reasons for the interruption were that 1) the Ministry of Health had recently received the College of Optometrists of Ontario's regulation proposal on "prescribed diseases"; and 2) a consultation on primary eye-care was being planned by the ministry. It was intended that all interested stakeholders would participate in this consultation and that topics to be discussed could include prescribed diseases and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents.

The primary eye-care consultation was concluded in the Spring of 1996. This project did not address issues related to therapeutic pharmaceutical agents or optometry prescribed diseases. As you know, a regulation on "prescribed diseases" was filed and became law on April 29, 1997, following HPRAC's submission of its report and advice on optometry prescribed diseases. The regulation is attached for your reference.

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Rob Alder, PhD

I am also attaching the original referral letter. Please note the second page of the letter which lists factors which should be taken into consideration in HPRAC's review. Of course, I am primarily interested in the Council's advice with respect to the situation in Ontario today. In particular, I wish to have your views on how the proposed expansion of the scope of practice of optometry relates to the public interest and the needs of Ontarians.

Given that the Advisory Council has recently been reconstituted and that your first priority is the five year review of the RHPA, I would welcome the advice on this referral at a time that is feasible for the Council.

I have circulated this referral via a copy of this letter to the President and Registrar of all the professional colleges, asking them to make submissions to you, should they so choose, in accordance with section 13 of the RHPA.

I look forward to receiving HPRAC's advice on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Witmer
Minister

cc: Dr. Alan Kaufman, President
Ontario Association of Optometrists

Registrars and Presidents of all colleges under RHPA and governing body under the Drugless Practitioners Act
[Please refer to attached list]

Presidents of provincial voluntary associations of all professions regulated under RHPA
[Please refer to attached list]

Enclosures

ONTARIO REGULATION 152/97
made under the
OPTOMETRY ACT, 1991

Made: February 14, 1997
Approved: April 24, 1997
Filed: April 29, 1997

Amending O. Reg. 119/94
(General)

lote: Ontario Regulation 119/94 has not been amended in 1997. For prior amendments, see the Table of Regulations in the Statutes of Ontario, 1996.

1. Ontario Regulation 119/94 is amended by adding the following art:

PART VIII
PRESCRIBED DISEASES

21. For the purposes of clause 3 (c) of the *Optometry Act, 1991*, the llowing are prescribed diseases:

1. In relation to diagnosis and prevention, diseases of the eye and vision system that can be determined by the findings from an oculo-visual assessment.

2. In relation to treatment, diseases of the eye and vision system that can be treated by other than the prescribing of drugs or the application of surgery.

22. For the purposes of paragraph 1 of Section 4 of the *Optometry t, 1991*, a "prescribed disease" is any disease limited to and nifested in the eye and vision system that was determined by the dings from an oculo-visual assessment.

COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS OF ONTARIO:

PAUL PADFIELD
President

IRVING BAKER
Registrar

ed at Toronto on February 14, 1997.

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ONTARIO REGULATION 153/97
made under the
PLANNING ACT

Made: May 1, 1997
Filed: May 1, 1997

DEEMING ORDER (SUDBURY EAST PLANNING BOARD)

(1) Ontario Regulation 834/81, as it read on the day before this ilation comes into force, shall be deemed to be and to have always a zoning by-law of the Sudbury East Planning Board in respect of ands described in the Schedule.

) The deemed by-law shall be referred to as By-law # 97-1 of the ury East Planning Board.

Schedule

The geographic Townships of Scadding, Davis, the west half of Janes, Street, Loughrin, Henry, that part of Dryden not within the Regional Municipality of Sudbury, Awrey, the east half of Dill, Cleland, Hawley, Secord, Burwash, Hendrie, Laura, Servos, Hoskin, Cherriman, Haddo, Waldie, Cox, Delamere, Allen and Bigwood, in the Territorial District of Sudbury.

B. SINGH
Assistant Deputy Minister (Acting)
Municipal Operations Division
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Dated at Toronto on May 1, 1997.

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ONTARIO REGULATION 154/97
made under the
PLANNING ACT

Made: May 1, 1997
Filed: May 1, 1997

Amending O. Reg. 834/81
(District of Sudbury—Territorial District of Sudbury)

Note: Since January 1, 1997, Ontario Regulation 834/81 has been amended by Ontario Regulations 13/97, 60/97, 61/97, 62/97, 63/97, 64/97, 65/97, 66/97, 70/97, 88/97, 89/97, 90/97, 91/97, 92/97, 93/97 and 98/97. For prior amendments, see the Tables of Regulations in the Statutes of Ontario, 1991 and the Statutes of Ontario, 1996.

1. Section 2 of Ontario Regulation 834/81 is revoked and the following substituted:

2. This order applies to,

(a) all of the lands in the geographic Townships of Attlee, Aylmer, Bevin, Caen, Cartier, Cascaden, Curtin, Emo, Ermatinger, Foster, Foy, Goschen, Halifax, Hart, Harty, Hess, Hyman, Kelly, Mackelcan, Moncrieff, Munster, Parkin, Rathbun, Roosevelt, Sale, Stalin, Tofflemire, Totten, Truman, Ulster and Venturi; and

(b) those parts of the geographic Townships of Eden, Tilton and Trill not within the Regional Municipality of Sudbury in the Territorial District of Sudbury.

2. Section 4 of the Regulation is revoked and the following substituted:

4. (1) For the purposes of this Order, all the lands in the geographic Townships of Attlee, Aylmer, Bevin, Caen, Emo, Ermatinger, Foster, Foy, Goschen, Halifax, Hart, Harty, Hess, Hyman, Kelly, Mackelcan, Moncrieff, Munster, Parkin, Rathbun, Roosevelt, Sale, Stalin, Tofflemire, Totten, Truman, Ulster and Venturi and those parts of the geographic Townships of Eden, Tilton and Trill not within the Regional Municipality of Sudbury in the Territorial District of Sudbury and that part of the geographic Township of Cartier not shown on the map filed with the Provincial Planning Services Branch of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at Toronto as Number 73 are designated as a Rural Zone.

(2) All of the lands in the geographic Townships of Cascaden and Curtin and that part of the geographic Township of Cartier in the Territorial District of Sudbury shown on the map filed with the