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Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario (FSRA)

Re. Consultation on Auto Reforms (ID: 2024-011)

CASLPO welcomes the opportunity to discuss cooperation and collaboration between FSRA and Regulatory Health Colleges (RHCs), such as ourselves. We have been a frequent system partner engaging with FSRA through formal meetings, however some years have passed since engagement with FSRA has occurred. We believe it is important to maintain these lines of communication to support better regulation to better protect the public.

In consideration of FSRA's Health Service Provider Framework Review, CASLPO can support "Initiative C: Opportunity to Enhance Cooperation and Collaboration with RHCs". We understand that FRSA cannot release information on particular practitioners unless an agreement is in place. CASLPO is willing to pursue this option, and we are interested in working directly with FSRA to come to an agreement regarding information sharing, but would need further details on the proposed information sharing agreement. For RHCs, section 36 of the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 permits the release of information under certain circumstances, including to other regulatory bodies.

Information¹ included with this consultation suggests that some RHCs may not be keen on having information sharing agreements due to size, capacity, and limited focus on billing activities. Most RHCs have provisions in place through their profession-specific legislation and regulations to address billing concerns, and FSRA's experience in this sector may also prove useful to support RHC investigations.

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¹ "RHC's and FSRA cannot exchange information on a particular practitioner unless an agreement is in place, which means that FSRA will need to engage each RHC individually to create an information sharing agreement. Some RHCs may not be keen on having an information sharing agreement due to their size and capacity, as well as their limited focus on their members' billing activities." from "Consultation Paper Health Service Provider (HSP) Framework Review" (September 2024).

CASLPO would like to thank FSRA for the opportunity to collaborate on this important initiative. Should you have any questions, or wish to discuss information sharing further, please contact Margaret Drent, Deputy Registrar by email at _______.

Sincerely,

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