



To: Health Care Facilities with Acupuncturists

Attention: Authorizing Officer, Acupuncturist(s)

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What's New?

The Ministry of Health recently announced that as of April 1, 2013, Acupuncturists will be designated [Regulated Health Professionals](#). Starting April 1, 2013, individuals who deliver acupuncture services will be required to register and be accountable to the College.

Impact

There is no immediate impact to the HCAI system during this transition. Facilities who deliver services by Acupuncturists will continue after April 1, 2013, with the current OCF completion and submission process until further notice. This includes the requirement to have Regulated Health Professionals currently recognized by the HCAI system sign Part 5 of the OCF-18.

Next Steps

HCAI Communications will continue to send emails related to this topic as information becomes available. Check with [HCAIinfo](#) often to ensure you are aware of any upcoming changes to the HCAI system.

Useful Links...

- Ontario Ministry of Health News Release, <http://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/en/2013/3/strengthening-safe-regulated-traditional-chinese-medicine.html>
- The College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners of Ontario, <http://www.ctcmpao.on.ca/>

Please share the related information with the Provider(s) at your Facility with the Acupuncture discipline.