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Subject: FW: Ontario Reducing Wait Times for Publicly Funded Surgeries and Diagnostics and establishing "As of Right" labour mobility regulatory rules

Hello Everybody,

The Ontario legislature reconvened today and, as expected, legislation was introduced (Bill 60, *Your Health Act, 2023*) to outline the recent announcements by the government with respect to allowing new private clinics to be established for providing certain surgeries and diagnostics and for allowing certain regulated health professionals from other provinces to work in Ontario on an expedited basis.

Having reviewed the media release, the new Bill, the consultation text for certain regulations, the media conference by Minister Jones and after participating in the stakeholder briefing with Assistant Deputy Ministers Dicerni and Velji, the following is now clear:

1. The legislation concerning labour mobility will affect only **physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists and medical laboratory technologists**.
2. Members of those four professions working in other provinces will be allowed to begin working in Ontario immediately as long as they are regulated "in good standing" in another province. As well, according to ADM Velji, a labour mobility registrant from one of the four designated professions will be allowed to work "immediately" in Ontario while they await their formal application for licensure to be approved by one of the appropriate colleges respecting the four professions targeted. These labour mobility provisions will be set out in regulations.

We will keep you apprised of any further developments. See below for the government's media release of today.

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