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AMO Breaking News

**Government Withdraws OHIP Costs Transfer Proposal**

Earlier today the Ontario Legislature's Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs met to review *Bill 16*, the *Creating the Foundation for Jobs and Growth Act, 2010*.

With all party support for the amendment, the government has withdrawn proposed changes to Schedule 10, *Health Insurance Act, Subsection 30 (5)*. The change means that the subrogation of OHIP costs to municipalities will not be proceeding.

AMO first alerted municipal concerns to Minister Bradley last week. The Association is appreciative of the Minister's intervention on this issue. Additional municipal resolutions are no longer required at this time.

In other Committee developments, the government has amended Schedule 26, Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Protect Public Services Act, 2010 to explain the treatment of public health units regarding compensation. The government has clarified that all public health units will be covered by the legislation and are affected by compensation restraint.

If municipalities have questions regarding this issue, they should be directed to the Office of the Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Health Division, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care at 416-325-8411.

As of present, the Ontario Government has not provided any other direction or guidance in respect of what it means by consulting with Transfer Payment recipients and their bargaining agents.

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