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Subject: CAFII ALERT: FW: Letter from Lynn Guerriero, OHIP Division, Ontario Ministry of Health

CAFII Board, EOC, and Committee Members:

Please find attached a just-received letter from the Assistant Deputy Minister, OHIP Division, Government of Ontario.

Key points in the letter are that the Government is proceeding with implementing the elimination of out-of-country OHIP coverage for Ontarians; has postponed the implementation date by **three months to 1 January, 2020**; and that a program will be developed to administer a program "to help Ontario renal dialysis patients with financial aid for dialysis services when travelling abroad."

The letter also states:

"I know that your organization and its members share our interest in ensuring that the elimination of OHIP coverage for travellers proceeds with minimum disruption and risk for all stakeholders, including insurance providers and travelling Ontarians. The Ministry looks forward to collaborating with your industry during the transition and particularly to underscore for Ontarians the need to purchase travel health insurance when travelling outside of Ontario."

The press release on the dialysis program can be found at:

<https://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/en/2019/08/ontario-launching-program-to-fund-out-of-country-dialysis-services.html>

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