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Ms. Millicent Vorkapich-Hill
President
College of Chiropodists of Ontario
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Dear Ms. Vorkapich-Hill:

I am writing further to the discussions that occurred by teleconference between the ministry and representatives of the College on February 27th, 2018 and, most recently, on April 4th. The ministry appreciated the opportunity to discuss a number of issues of mutual interest.

In both discussions, the ministry indicated our interest in following up on our meeting of last summer related to scope of practice changes for the profession along with broader legislative reform. In that meeting, a college representative noted that the current model of foot care in Ontario does not provide a career path for individuals in the chiropody class who are looking for options to build on their knowledge, skill and judgment.

In an effort to explore a full array of options to changes for the profession that would enhance patient care, the ministry inquired whether the creation of an advanced practice chiropodist role would facilitate timely access to care while at the same time, enhance the profession's competencies and skills. Although the ministry has not explored this concept in detail nor reached any conclusions, we look to the College to determine whether this is something that it wishes to explore. If there is interest in undertaking this work, the ministry would be pleased to engage in further discussions. That being said, we understand that the College Council would need to make a determination as to whether this is an initiative that it would like to dedicate resources to and we look forward to hearing from you on what next steps, if any, the College would like to take.

Ms. Vorkapich-Hill

In our discussions, you noted your frustration with the lack of progress made in advancing a number of the College's regulations. As mentioned, the ministry has been working with the College to ensure we have all the information we need to make an informed decision on how best to move these items forward.

The ministry looks forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to ensure that decisions are made in the public interest and meet the needs of patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Denise Cole". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Denise" being more prominent than the last name "Cole".

Denise Cole
Assistant Deputy Minister Director
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