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**Ms. Millicent Vorkapich-Hill
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Dear Ms. Vorkapich-Hill:

Thank you for providing the College of Chiropodists of Ontario's (CCO) discussion paper on advanced practice chiropodists in response to my letter from April 26th of this year.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (ministry) values the CCO's ongoing work to protect patients and to ensure delivery of high quality chiropody services, as well as the collaboration between the college and the ministry.

The discussion paper is a good first step in beginning a dialogue around the need for the creation of an advanced practice chiropodist role in Ontario's health care system. However, the ministry is looking for more evidence on the challenges Ontarians currently face in accessing timely and seamless foot care that is effective and why advanced practice chiropodists are the most cost-effective solution in addressing these challenges. The ministry would also be interested to learn more about which stakeholders, if any, have been engaged in these discussions.

As you know, I continue to have discussions with the Federation of Health Regulatory Colleges of Ontario about our work on the framework for evaluating scopes of practice for regulated health professions. The Model for the Evaluation of Scopes of Practice in Ontario (MESPO) takes a patient and system-centered approach, considering factors such as patient and system needs, provider competencies, patient safety, economic impact, and integration with the health care system. The ministry will make the MESPO guidelines and submission form available to regulatory colleges and professional associations in Fall 2018.

Ms. Millicent Vorkapich-Hill

The work on MESPO is being led by Allison Henry, Director, Health Workforce Regulatory and Oversight Branch. As such, I would encourage you to continue the discussion on advanced practice chiropodists with Allison.

Sincerely,



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