



COLLEGE OF CHIROPODISTS OF ONTARIO

Regulating Chiropodists and Podiatrists in Ontario

February 27, 2009

Hon David Caplan, MPP
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
56 Wellesley Street West, 12th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M5S 2S3

Dear Minister,

Re: HPRAC CRITICAL LINKS

We very much appreciate having the opportunity to comment on HPRAC's latest report to you ("*Critical Links: Transforming and Supporting Patient Care*"). Because of the time available, we have confined our remarks to Chapter 7 ("*Prescribing and Use of Drugs in the Professions of Chiropody and Podiatry*").

We are very pleased with, and of course support, HPRAC's recommendations that Podiatrists and Chiropodists (subject to terms, conditions and limitations applied by this College) should be authorized to perform the additional controlled acts (or components thereof) of:

- "Administering by inhalation" a substance designated in the regulations; and
- "dispensing and selling" any drug that our members may prescribe, dispense and sell under the regulations.

As indicated in our submission, these supplemental authorities will allow Chiropodists and Podiatrists to utilize more of their competencies and contribute more efficiently and effectively to Ontario's healthcare system.

We do have several comments and suggestions of a technical or detailed nature relating to the classes and specific agents of drugs recommended by HPRAC for the professions. We presume, however, that it would be more appropriate to bring these comments and suggestions forward during the regulation development stage.

We would also like to take this opportunity to convey our appreciation to HPRAC for listening, understanding and for its recommendations in support of the evolution of foot care delivery in Ontario.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Felicia Smith".

Felicia Smith,
Registrar