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Mr. Saäd Rafi
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care
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Dear Deputy, *Saad*

With the recent implementation of the measures to reform health system funding in Ontario, CAHO members have committed to working together, and with the OHA, to fully understand the implications of the new models. Our goal in this collaboration is to maximize the degree to which we can be helpful in working with the Ministry on refinements to the models that you have acknowledged will be required over the next year. We are all committed to working toward the effective implementation of patient-based funding models in Ontario.

To support this collaboration, the 24 hospitals that comprise the CAHO membership are collectively authorizing the sharing of relevant hospital data with CAHO and OHA representatives who participate on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Health System Reform Steering Committee, Technical Advisory Committee and other relevant funding working groups. CAHO is providing this authorization in order to facilitate a more fulsome understanding of the implications of the funding reforms on CAHO hospitals. Indeed, we will also be directly sharing this data with each other at upcoming meetings.

We trust that this authorization to release our data to the participants within the Health System Funding Reform Advisory Structure is helpful in terms of facilitating robust and transparent discussions about implications, all with a goal of leading to successful implementation of patient-based funding models.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like to discuss this authorization in more detail.

Sincerely,

Barry McLellan
Chair, CAHO
President and CEO,
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

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Executive Director, CAHO

Attachment: List of CAHO Members