SUBJECT: 2007-08 Update on OMA Administered Programs

The Northern Physician Retention Initiative (NPRI)

The OMA and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care have agreed to extend the Northern Physician Retention Initiative (NPRI) in its current form for an additional year, until March 2008.

Please refer to the OMA web site www.oma.org/npri for information on the 2007/08 application process. Applications for the 2007/08 NPRI funding year will be available in October 2007. Physicians may contact Dawn Glass, OMA Program Administrator at 1-800-268-7215, ext. 3057 with any inquiries.

CME Program and Rural Locum Program

The OMA and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, through the Physician Services Committee, have completed a joint review of the Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program for Rural Physicians and the Rural Locum Program. As a result of the review, changes are being made to the eligibility criteria and the benefit structure in both programs. The changes to the CME Program are effective January 1, 2007. The changes to the Rural Locum Program are effective April 1, 2007.

Please refer to the OMA web site www.oma.org for information on the revised programs. Physicians may contact Dawn Glass, OMA Program Administrator at 1-800-268-7215 ext 3057 with any inquiries about the CME Program and June Dyson, OMA Program Administrator at 1-800-268-7215 ext. 2908 with any inquiries about the Rural Locum Program.

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Pregnancy and Parental Leave Benefit Program

Effective October 1, 2007, physicians who receive pregnancy and parental leave benefits from an employer or through Employment Insurance will be eligible for a supplemental payment under the Pregnancy and Parental Leave Benefit Program (PPLBP).

Please refer to the OMA web site www.oma.org for information on the PPLBP. Physicians may contact Michelle North, OMA Program Administrator at 1-800-268-7215 ext 2896 with any inquiries.