To: Physicians, Hospitals, Clinics and Laboratories

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Re: New Health Card Validation Service

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) is pleased to announce a new real time, web-enabled Health Card Validation (HCV) service, effective September 22, 2011. **HCV Basic** is a validation service that returns a validation response code only. Personal information and personal health information available through the existing HCV service, such as name and date of birth, are not available in the **HCV Basic** response transaction.

A list of current response codes, their descriptions and action to be taken, can be found on the ministry’s website in the Health Card Validation Reference Manual, Appendix A.


**HCV Basic** meets the commitment of the 2008 Physician Services Agreement regarding ‘real-time’ health card validation. The **HCV Basic** service is initially being launched using the OntarioMD portal. **HCV Basic** will be available to other service providers in the near future. For information on OntarioMD and enrolling to their portal services please go to [www.ontariomd.ca](http://www.ontariomd.ca).

The ministry is continuing with plans to implement a web service for health card validation that can be fully integrated with electronic Client Management Systems or Electronic Medical Record software. Please continue to monitor the ministry website for further information and updates:

[www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/ohip/bulletins/bulletin_mn.html](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/ohip/bulletins/bulletin_mn.html)