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THE ONTARIO DRUG REFORMS - AN UPDATE

Early in April, we communicated the Ontario Government's proposed changes to regulations of the Drug Interchangeability and Dispensing Fee Act (DIDFA) and Ontario Drug Benefit Act (ODBA) to take effect on May 15, 2010.

Following is the announcement from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care released today:

“On April 7, 2010 the government announced its intention to reduce generic drug prices by at least 50 per cent, eliminate professional allowances and fairly compensate pharmacies for the patient care that pharmacists provide the time of this announcement, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care posted a draft of the regulations, which would enable these changes, for public comment. Over the last 30 days, the Ministry has been compiling feedback about the regulations from the public and the pharmaceutical industry.

The public consultation period ended on May 8, 2010. The Ministry is now diligently reviewing all the feedback and making any necessary adjustments to the [proposed regulations](#). The Ministry will then ask government to give the regulations final approval.

It is expected that all the regulations will be in effect by end of spring.”

We will keep you posted as developments unfold!

