



OMA-MOHLTC Agreement Update — January 30, 2006

## **Important Billing Update for Family Health Group and Comprehensive Care Model Physicians**

### **OHIP Systems Rejecting Pap Smear Tracking Code (Q011A) — OMA seeks prompt resolution, accountability report**

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has identified a serious problem at the OHIP systems level affecting some claims submissions by Family Health Group (FHG) and Comprehensive Care Model (CCM) physicians.

The Ministry has informed the OMA that OHIP computers have been rejecting the tracking code for Pap Smears (Q011A) submitted by FHG and CCM physicians, as well as any fee-for-service claims appearing on the same submission.

The OMA members of the bilateral Primary and Community Care Committee have been in contact with the Ministry and OHIP representatives to press for an urgent resolution and full report to FHG and CCM physicians.

The Ministry has run tests on other tracking codes, and it appears that the problem is restricted to the Pap Smear code. An emergency fix is scheduled for February 1.

In advance of an official communication to members from the Ministry, which is expected in the very near future, the OMA advises all Family Health Group and Comprehensive Care Model physicians to refrain from billing tracking codes until the Ministry can guarantee that the systems problem has been entirely resolved. It is anticipated that any rejected service claims will need to be resubmitted.