

Expansion of the Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) Dental Program – 2010 Funding

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From:	Medical Officer of Health
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SUMMARY

The Ministry of Health Promotion (MHP) recently confirmed that the expansion of the CINOT dental program to include low-income children and youth 14 to 17 years of age will be cost shared with 75 per cent provincial funding in 2010. In 2009, the expansion of CINOT was 100 per cent provincially funded. In 2010, a source of funding is required for the City's portion (\$89,615) of the CINOT expansion.

The Medical Officer of Health (MOH) recommends that for 2010 only, the municipal share of funding for the CINOT expansion be reallocated from the 100 per cent municipally funded dental services budget. This will result in some reduction of service for clients ineligible for provincial cost shared programs, but will maximize the use of provincial funding and consequently dental service levels. Municipal funding for the CINOT expansion in 2011 will be requested through the 2011 Operating Budget process.

The MOH also recommends that the Board of Health (BOH) request that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Health Promotion continue 100 per cent funding of CINOT expansion since the provincial funds allocated for this purpose were significantly under-spent in 2009.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. City Council approve funding for the expanded CINOT dental program totalling \$356,460 gross, of which \$268,845 is funded by the Ministry of Health Promotion and \$89,615 is funded for 2010 only through reallocation from the approved 100 per cent City funded dental services budget;
2. City Council increase the Toronto Public Health 2010 Operating Budget by \$268,845 gross with \$268,845 revenue from the Ministry of Health Promotion;
3. the 2011 additional funding requirement of \$358,460 gross/ \$89,615 net for the expanded CINOT dental program be forwarded to Budget Committee for consideration during the 2011 Operating Budget process;
4. the Board of Health request the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Health Promotion to continue to fund 100 per cent of the expanded CINOT program for low-income children and youth 14 to 17 years of age in 2010 and future years; and
5. this report be forwarded to the Budget Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 29 2010, for its consideration.

Financial Impact

The increase in the 2010 TPH Operating Budget of \$358,460 gross for the CINOT expansion program will be funded by revenue of \$268,845 from the MHP therefore resulting in an additional expenditure for the City of \$89,615 net. In order to mitigate this budget pressure in 2010, the required funding of \$89,615 will be reallocated on a one-time basis from 100 per cent City funded dental services that are included in the approved TPH 2010 Operating Budget.

The additional funding requirement of \$358,460 gross and \$89,615 net for the expanded CINOT dental program in 2011 will be forwarded to Budget Committee for consideration during the 2011 Operating Budget process.

The Deputy City Manager, Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

As part of the 2009 Operating Budget process, the Board of Health and City Council approved 100 percent provincial funding of \$5,253,442 for the expansion of the CINOT program to include children and youth 14 to 17 years of age. At this time, the Province indicated that in 2010, the expansion would be cost shared 75:25 between the Province and municipalities. For 2010, the Province will fund \$268,845 for its 75 per cent share of program costs if the City funds its 25 per cent share of \$89,615.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

After the provincial announcement of the expansion of the CINOT program starting January 2009, the BOH requested the Minister of Health Promotion to continue 100 per cent funding beyond 2009. Other health units and organizations also advocated to the Provincial government for continuation of 100 per cent funding for CINOT expansion beyond 2009. Early consultation with the province indicated strong support for continued 100 percent funding in 2010, since there was significant under-spending in all health units for this program expansion. Despite this, recently the Minister of Health Promotion confirmed that CINOT expansion will be cost shared between the Province and municipalities in 2010, and has approved a total TPH Operating Budget of \$358,460 including \$89,615 in municipal funding.

Since this funding confirmation was received after approval of the 2010 TPH budget, a source of municipal funding is required from the approved 2010 City budget to implement the CINOT expansion.

COMMENTS

The CINOT provincially mandated dental program was introduced in 1987 and covers urgent dental care for children in low income families up to 14 years old or Grade 8, whichever is later.

Many Boards of Health, including Toronto have long advocated for the expansion of CINOT to include children and youth up to age 18 years. In 2008, the Provincial government announced that it would spend \$135 million to develop a plan to provide dental services to low income people. Included in this plan was the expansion of the CINOT program to include children in low income families up to their eighteenth birthday.

When MHP introduced the expanded CINOT program, Boards of Health were informed that in the first year the program would be 100 per cent funded. However in subsequent years, the expansion of the program would be cost shared with municipalities. Cost sharing of the expansion of CINOT is similar to the funding arrangement of the CINOT program for children up to 14 years of age.

In 2009 MHP allocated \$5,253,442 to Toronto to cover the cost of the CINOT expansion. However in 2009 expenditures totalled \$897.9 thousand including \$118.6 thousand for service delivery and \$779.3 thousand for program promotion. In 2010, the projected expenditure for the CINOT expansion is \$358,460. The municipal share is \$89,615.

It is recommended that for 2010 only, the municipal share of funding for the CINOT expansion be reallocated from the 100 per cent municipally funded dental services budget. This will result in some reduction of service for clients ineligible for provincial cost shared programs, but will maximize the use of provincial funding and consequently dental service levels. Municipal funding for the CINOT expansion in 2011 will be requested through the operating budget process.

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that the BOH reaffirm its request to the Minister of Health Promotion to continue funding the expansion of the CINOT program at 100 per cent. Other public health units and the Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry are also requesting that the Minister of Health Promotion continue to fund the CINOT expansion at 100 per cent.

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