July 2, 2015

To: Licensing and Standards Committee

From: Board of Health

Subject: Infection Control Training and Certification of Personal Service Setting Workers – Item HL5.7

Recommendation

The Board of Health forwards the report (June 12, 2015) from the Medical Officer of Health to the Licensing and Standards Committee for information.

Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Board of Health also:

1. Reiterated its request to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to develop and implement mandatory infection prevention and control (IPAC) training and certification for personal services setting (PSS) workers across Ontario;

2. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to develop and pilot a voluntary infection prevention and control (IPAC) certificate program on a cost-recovery basis for personal services settings (PSS) workers for implementation in 2016;

3. Requested the Medical Officer of Health to report back to the Board of Health in early 2017 on the status of the voluntary infection prevention and control (IPAC) certificate program; and

4. Forwarded the report (June 12, 2015) from the Medical Officer of Health to the Interim Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ministers of Health and Long-Term Care and Training, Colleges and Universities; Public Health Ontario; Ontario Public Health Association; Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health; Association of Local Public Health Agencies; the Ontario College of Trades; and the Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors in Ontario.

Background

The Board of Health on June 29, 2015, considered a report (June 12, 2015) from the Medical Officer of Health on Infection Control Training and Certification of Personal Service Setting Workers.
Background Information

(June 12, 2015) Report and Appendix 1 from the Medical Officer of Health on Infection Control Training and Certification of Personal Service Setting Workers
(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-81512.pdf)

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