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This month: QA requirements due, hiring peer assessors, disclosing info & more

Coming next month: CRPO town hall meetings

Calling all members! Got a question for CRPO or an issue you want to raise? Now's your chance. CRPO members are invited to attend one of four town hall meetings happening across Ontario throughout October. Get the [details here](#) and reserve your seat.



Deborah Adams,
CRPO Registrar

Message from the Registrar

As members are aware, CRPO's mandate is public protection. Barriers that challenge equitable access to care for Ontarians have the potential to negatively impact those individuals who would benefit from the safe, competent care RP's are well positioned to provide. We are aware that limited third-party insurance coverage for RP services is an ongoing source of frustration for members and an potential impediment to accessing care for many of their clients.

Recently, I wrote to the Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO) regarding the apparent exclusion of RPs from their Professional Services Guideline (PSG), which establishes the maximum expenses payable by automobile insurers for the services of any of the health care professions. I received a quick response from Tom Golfetto, Executive Director of the Automobile Insurance Division at the FSCO.

He indicated that RPs “may submit treatment plans and invoices for services to automobile insurers even if they are not included in the PSG...[T]reatment plans and invoices are submitted with the cost of services usually set by the regulated professional or negotiated with the insurer.” He further indicated that CRPO’s request would be considered when FSCO next undertakes their annual review of the hourly rates in the PSG.

On a similar note, we are aware that there are employers who have successfully worked for the inclusion of RP services as part of the extended health benefits they provide through insurance carriers. While we acknowledge that challenges will continue (for example, because insurance agencies are pan-Canadian entities who may not be willing to extend coverage when the majority of provinces do not regulate psychotherapists), we see progress starting to come from the work of professional associations, employers and RPs themselves who are successfully pushing ahead on this issue.

Are Your Quality Assurance Requirements Due?

If you registered with CRPO in 2016, 2017 or 2018, your QA requirements are DUE by November 30 if you:

- Registered in 2016 and you want to get the PD tools done before your mandatory 2020 deadline
- Registered in 2017 and you haven’t yet completed the new member requirements
- Registered between Jan. - Aug. 2018 and you haven’t yet completed the new member requirements

[Get all the details](#)



[Find out how to apply](#)

Flex Your Skills--Become a Peer Assessor

Are you an RP with at least 5 years' experience? Interested in being a leader in the profession? Apply to be a CRPO peer assessor! Peer assessors engage other RPs to help identify strengths and weaknesses in professional practice through the Peer and Practice Review process. Hours are flexible and you will be compensated for your time.

Practice Advisory: Contingency Planning

Question:

What happens to my clients and clinical records if I'm suddenly no longer able to practise?

Answer:

Planning for the unexpected will help you and your clients should you ever find yourself in a position where you are unable to practise. Indeed, [Professional Practice Standard 6.4: Closing, Selling, or Relocating a Practice](#) requires that CRPO members have a contingency plan.

[Read the full advisory](#)

Grace Period

Starting October 1, a new \$100 fee will be implemented for those applicants who have not graduated from an educational program recognized by CRPO. Applicants who use the CRPO mapping tool to prove educational requirements will pay \$260 + HST to submit their application (\$160 application fee + \$100 unrecognized program fee). Currently, a **grace period** is in effect for those applicants who submit their application by September 30. Applicants will not be charged the additional \$100 (+HST) fee for the review of an unrecognized program until October 1.



New Resource

[Get your copy](#) of the new *Guideline on Disclosing Information to Prevent Harm*.



Upcoming Council Meeting

The next meeting of CRPO Council will take place on September 13, 9:30 - 3:30 at the [CRPO office](#). Want to attend? Be sure to register ahead of time and review the [guidelines on attendance](#). Seating is limited and so you are asked to ensure you have a confirmation before attending!

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