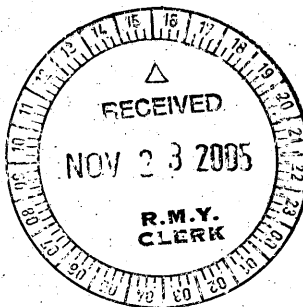




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FILE No. - 118

**MEMORANDUM FROM DR. ROBERT KYLE, COMMISSIONER &
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, DATED OCTOBER 27, 2005 RE:
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA RESOLUTION
Our File: P00-00**

Premier McGuinty, the Health and Social Services Committee of
Regional Council considered the above matter and at a meeting held on
November 9, 2005, Council adopted the following recommendations of
the Committee, as amended:

- " a) THAT the following resolution of the Regional Municipality of
Niagara regarding ambulance service charges be endorsed in the
event that the Province continues to allow the collection of the
ambulance co-payment fee:

WHEREAS the City of Toronto is seeking approval from the
Ontario Provincial Government to collect the ambulance co-
payment fee of forty-five dollars (\$45);

WHEREAS the Corporation of the County of Huron has solicited
support from all Upper Tier Municipalities to support the actions of
the City of Toronto to seek a change to the invoicing to UTMs
providing ambulance service;

WHEREAS approximately 30,000 patients per year have been
transported by Niagara Region's Land Ambulance Service, and
were subsequently billed a co-payment fee by designated hospitals
as indicated in the Health Insurance Act;

WHEREAS the Region of Niagara receives no portion of the
current co-payment fee of forty-five dollars (\$45) despite providing
the land ambulance service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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THAT the Regional Municipality of Niagara support the actions of the City of Toronto and further request that the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care alter the existing co-payment structure to allow co-payment invoicing and revenue collection by the UTMs providing ambulance service;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to UTMs and counties providing land ambulance service; and

Circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for support.

- b) THAT the Premier of Ontario, Ministers of Finance and Health and Long-Term Care, Durham's MPPs, Regional and Single-Tier Clerk's, AMO and AMEMSO be advised.



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