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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Licensees

**FROM:** Laura Pinkney,  
Director, Integrated Community Health Services Centres,  
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**DATE:** September 27, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Integrated Community Health Services Centres Act, 2023 proclaimed

As of September 25, 2023, the [Integrated Community Health Services Centres Act, 2023 \(ICHSCA\)](#) has come into force. The ICHSCA repeals and replaces the Independent Health Facilities Act (IHFA).

Currently licensed centres will be formally known as Integrated Community Health Services Centres under the new legislation. They will be commonly referred to as community surgical and diagnostic centres.

Licensees are expected to review the ICHSCA and its [supporting regulation](#) in detail as Licensees now have enhanced responsibilities regarding patient safety and transparency.

Information about the centres can be found on the government website for the public at [Community surgical and diagnostic centres](#) and updated resources for centres at [Resources for community surgical and diagnostic centres](#).

**Please note:** As a part of cross-government efforts to reduce red tape and administrative burdens, **the ministry is removing administrative fees associated with ICHSC licences.** The ministry will no longer charge for licence applications, ministry approvals on licence renewals and other licensing changes, effective September 25, 2023.

The program area will now be known as the Integrated Community Health Services Centres Program. **The new email address is [ICHSC@ontario.ca](mailto:ICHSC@ontario.ca).** The mailing address, phone and fax remain unchanged.

All Licensees

Please refer to [INFOBulletin 230907](#) for more details as well as previous communications from the program area on June 13, 2023 and July 31, 2023. Thank you for your continued commitment to the healthcare system.

Please contact the program area with any questions that you may have on the new legislation and regulations, [ICHSC@ontario.ca](mailto:ICHSC@ontario.ca)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Pinkney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laura Pinkney  
Director  
Integrated Community Health Services Centres