

Background on the Health System Improvement Pre-proposal (H-SIP) Form

On April 1 2007, as part of the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's (MOHLTC) health system transformation plan, Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) assumed responsibility for planning, funding and integrating health services at the local level. LHINs, working in collaboration with health service providers (HSPs) will plan, coordinate and assess local health system performance to ensure the development of a quality health care system that is responsive to local health service needs, improve the health status of the population and is sustainable in the long term. To this end, each LHIN has developed an Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP) to reflect the current health status of their local population and to identify areas of focus for the next three years.

To create the health care system envisioned by the MOHLTC, health service providers and LHINs need to focus their efforts to ensure that available resources are targeted to local health system priorities. Within this context, all proposals submitted to the LHINs will be assessed against local health system needs. The onus for reviewing, evaluating and acting on proposals submitted by health service providers is the responsibility of the LHIN.

To reduce the time and costs HSPs incur in preparing detailed business cases the LHINs have established a pre-proposal process. This process known as an H-SIP, will enable the LHIN to make a preliminary assessment of any request or activity contemplated by an HSP that requires the LHIN's approval.

All H-SIPs will be evaluated against LHIN priorities as outlined in the LHIN's Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP), local health system needs and financial feasibility. Following the LHIN's review and evaluation of the H-SIP, an HSP may be invited to submit a detailed proposal and a business plan for further analysis by the LHIN. Guidelines for the development of a detailed proposal and business case will be provided by the individual LHIN.

The submission of an H-SIP is not formal notice of a proposed integration to the LHIN as contemplated by s. 27 of the *Local Health System Integration Act, 2006* (LHSIA). Health service providers wishing to provide notice to the LHIN of a proposed integration under s. 27 of LHSIA, should contact the LHIN for more information.