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## Memo

To: Registrants and Stakeholders

From: Fran Richardson, Registrar  
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Re: **Consultation on Revised Conflict of Interest Regulation**

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In October 2006, the CDHO submitted a proposed Conflict of Interest Regulation to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) for consideration and approval. The proposed regulation had not completed its journey through the system when other issues became apparent. One was the proclamation of the amendment to the *Dental Hygiene Act, 1991* and the other was the increased scrutiny by the Competition Bureau on the regulated professions. In light of these two issues, Council has formally withdrawn the October 2006 version of the regulation and has approved an amended version for circulation and comment.

The main difference in the two versions is the addition of section (3)(g)(v) which will permit dental hygienists to partner or associate with persons who are not members of a College governed under the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 (RHPA)*. However, section (3)(g)(v) does mean that the dental hygienist must have control of the standards of practice and the billings for the professional services provided by the registrant. This means that a dental hygienist may choose to have a business partner who is not a member of a *RHPA* College, but that there must be a written agreement stating that the registrant has responsibility for and control over all of the clinical and professional aspects of dental hygiene care including record keeping and the billing of services.

Amended version attached.

**Please provide your comments, in written form, either in hard copy or electronically, to the Registrar by Friday, May 2, 2008. (Revised to August 29, 2008)**