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Dear Mr. Folk and Ms Harley,

I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will be increasing the annual amount of the Assistive Devices Program's (ADP) ostomy supplies grant over the next two years.

Beginning September 1, 2015, the new annual grant amount, paid in two installments, will increase by 31% to \$787.50 for eligible Ontarians. Clients receiving social assistance benefits or living in long-term care homes (LTCH) will receive \$1,050 annually, paid in two installments.

Beginning September 1, 2016, those annual amounts, paid in two installments, will increase by an additional 31% to \$975 for eligible Ontarians and to \$1,300 for social assistance recipients and LTCH residents. When the 2016 increase is implemented, eligible Ontarians will be receiving 62% or \$375 more funding for their ostomy supplies over the current funding amounts or \$500 more for clients receiving social assistance benefits or living in long-term care homes.

In order to ensure that all eligible grant recipients receive their increases, those who received their six-month payment before September 1, 2015, will receive an automatic adjustment in their next payment to include the increased monthly amount.

I anticipate that these increases will enable Ontarians with ostomies to better manage their supply expenses.

Thank you for your associations' correspondence to my ministry and for your commitment to Ontarians living with ostomies. The information that was presented about the costs associated with managing an ostomy provided the ADP with important evidence that was used to review the ostomy supplies grant funding amount.

Yours sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Dr. Eric Hoskins, consisting of a stylized 'E' and 'H' followed by a long horizontal line.

Dr. Eric Hoskins  
Minister