



COLLEGE OF DENTURISTS OF ONTARIO

SIXTY DAY CIRCULATION/CONSULTATION NOTICE

To: Members of the College of Denturists of Ontario
And Stakeholders

Date: May 1, 2014

From: Abena Buahene, Registrar

Re: Proposed Spousal Exemption Regulation

Council at its 75th meeting on March 21, 2014, approved the circulation of the proposed Spousal Exemption Regulation. Under the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, regulated health care professionals would be in breach of the *Act's* sexual abuse provisions if they treat their spouses. The proposed regulation would create an exception and, once approved by the government, the regulation would allow Denturists to treat their spouses.

The proposed regulation must be circulated for a period of sixty days to members and stakeholders to allow opportunity for feedback. This is a requirement under the *Regulated Health Professions Act*. Following the sixty-day notice period, Council will consider all submissions, and if warranted, give final approval to the proposed regulation to be submitted to the government.

Please send your feedback via email, fax or mail on the proposed regulation to:

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All feedback must be received by the College on or before Monday, June 30, 2014.

Proposed Spousal Exception Regulation

Conduct, behaviour or remarks that would otherwise constitute sexual abuse of a patient by a member under the definition of “sexual abuse” in subsection 1(3) of the Health Professions Procedural Code of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, shall not constitute sexual abuse, if:

(a) the patient is the member’s spouse, and

(b) the member is not engaged in the practice of denturism at the time the conduct, behaviour or remarks occur.