

# PAF Guidelines Project Newsletter

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*News on the development of new Pre-approved Framework (PAF) Guidelines for treatment of auto accident injuries under the Statutory Accident Benefits Schedule.*

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The PAF Guidelines Project Newsletter is a quarterly source of information for auto insurance stakeholders.

The Newsletter provides project updates and offers stakeholders the opportunity to submit their feedback throughout the course of the PAF Guidelines Project.

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## Revised PAF Guideline

The revised PAF Guideline for Grade I and II Whiplash Associated Disorders was issued on July 11, 2007 with an effective date of October 1, 2007.

The Guideline is the result of extensive consultation with representatives from the insurance, health care provider and legal communities, as well as stakeholder participation on the PAF Project Advisory Committee (PAC) and the PAF Technical Working Committee (TWC).

Highlights of the revised Guideline include:

- focus on pre-accident function
- inclusion of both “discretionary” and “recommended” interventions
- permitting treatment to begin any time post accident, if recommended by the health practitioner
- addition of a new onsite review and intervention to replace the old Activities of Normal Life Intervention (ANLI), and
- merging fees for treatment of WAD I and WAD II injuries.

## Revised OCF 24/198

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*Training materials will be available for downloading from the FSCO website.*

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A revised OCF 24/198 form (Pre-approved Framework Extension Request and Discharge Report) replaces the Pre-approved Framework Discharge and Status Report form. Representatives of stakeholder groups, including insurers, health care providers, and lawyers, worked with the PAF Project consultants to update the form so that it reflects the revised PAF Guideline.

The revised OCF 24/198 was issued along with the revised Guideline and has the same effective date as the Guideline.

## “Train the Trainer” Webcast

Throughout the PAF Guideline development process, stakeholders identified quality training as a key factor in the success of the revised PAF Guideline. To that end, members of the PAF Project’s consulting team, Corporate Health Group, held a “train the trainer” session on Wednesday, August 15, 2007.

The trainers, selected by their company or association, connected to the session via the Internet from their individual locations, received training in real time via webcast and were able to submit questions and receive responses during the session. About 60 trainers registered for the session province-wide.

*We welcome your feedback or questions. Contact us about anything regarding the PAF Guideline Project at PAFproject @fSCO.gov.on.ca*

## FAQs, Training Slides and Case Scenarios

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) along with the Training Slides and Case Scenarios used during the session are available for downloading from the FSCO website. Realizing that different companies and associations have different training needs, the trainers will be able to customize these materials along with the information provided during the webcast, to best suit the interests of their constituents.

## Next Steps

To assist FSCO in assessing next steps, our PAF Project consultants have been asked to collect an inventory of existing programs of care in Ontario and other jurisdictions and update their review of the scientific literature related to the programs of care.

## What to Watch For

- FSCO website posting of FAQs, Training Slides and Case Scenarios.

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