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MEMORANDUM TO: Stakeholders

FROM: Allison Henry
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RE: Launch of the Updated Grow Your Own Nurse Practitioner Initiative (GYONP)

The ministry is pleased to announce the launch of the updated Grow Your Own Nurse Practitioner Initiative (GYONP).

The GYONP was developed in 2005/06 to address some of the challenges that communities face in recruiting Nurse Practitioners (NPs). The GYONP promotes NP recruitment by allowing health care organizations with a vacant government of Ontario funded NP position the flexibility to repurpose this funding. Funding can be repurposed (or a portion thereof), to sponsor a Registered Nurse (RN) to complete her/his post-graduate Primary Health Care NP education, and subsequently fill a vacant NP position while fulfilling a return of service agreement.

The policy updates to this initiative were identified through consultations with nursing stakeholders and reflect the needs of today's health care environment.

Please share this information with your health services providers/partners as appropriate. For more information please visit:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/hhrsd/nursing/mid_career.aspx

If you require further information or have any questions, please contact Colleen Lipskie, Senior Policy Analyst, Nursing Policy and Innovation Branch at 416-212-3846 or by email at colleen.lipskie@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your support.

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