

TECHNATION Health members invited to provide comments on proposed PHIPA Regulation

The Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA) came into force on November 1, 2004. The Government is currently proposing amendments, including those that pertain to the interoperability of digital systems and assets. This includes the following:

- Establish that Ontario Health shall establish interoperability specifications that pertain to digital health assets, subject to the direction and approval of the Minister.
- Establish that health information custodians must ensure that the digital health assets that they select, develop or use are compliant with applicable interoperability specifications.
- Require Ontario Health to establish a certification process by which a list of digital health assets that are compliant with specifications may be published.
- Require health information custodians to provide Ontario Health with reports upon request, and to cooperate and assist the Agency to support compliance monitoring.
- Require Ontario Health to establish a compliance monitoring process.
- Establish that enforcement of the regulation would occur by means of complaint to the Information and Privacy Commissioner, supported by any reports or information collected in the process of compliance monitoring.

TECHNATION Health is seeking member input – written and through an interactive discussion. Written comments to TECHNATION Health should be sent by Monday, July 15, 2020 and a call will be scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2020 for further discussion as a group.

The feedback will be shared with the Ministry of Health in advance of their July 22nd deadline.

The proposed Ontario PHIPA Regulation 329/04 draft regulation and/or the draft health information exchange policy can be accessed online from Government of Ontario's web site: <https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=32590&language=en>

- If you are interested in participating in the group discussion, please contact Janet Tite: jtite@technationcanada.ca .
- If you are providing feedback in writing, have any questions or require any further information, please reach out to Susan Anderson: sanderson@technationcanada.ca .