

*Template for Compliance Packaging Letter from Caregiver to MPP*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing to express my disappointment in the recently announced regulations regarding compliance dispensing, and to encourage the government to reconsider its decision.

As one of the thousands of patients and caregivers in Ontario who rely on daily or weekly medication packages such as blister packs and Dosettes, I am concerned that my pharmacist's ability to provide the care we need will be limited by changes to the regulations governing compliance dispensing. These changes will affect seniors and Ontario Public Drug Program (OPDP) patients.

As you may know, as of August 1, the government will only compensate pharmacists up to a maximum of twice a month for medications dispensed in daily and weekly compliance packages for seniors and OPDP patients with complicated regimens, often involving several different medications.

These changes will hurt some of Ontario's most vulnerable and disadvantaged patients, by making it harder for them and their caregivers to follow their complex medication schedules and live independently.

Compliance packaging enables some people to live safely in their own homes by reducing the threat of medication errors and improving adherence rates.

I am deeply concerned that reducing access to these packages will make it harder for me to get the service and care we need, which will result in poorer health.

I urge you to share these concerns with your colleagues to ensure that Ontarians get the care they need from their pharmacists.

Sincerely,

[Name, address]