

*Template for Compliance Packaging Letter from Pharmacist 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 an Ontario pharmacist, I share the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's commitment to providing the best patient care possible, and to spending health care dollars efficiently.

However, I am concerned that my ability to provide the best care for some of my patients will be limited by changes to the regulations governing daily and weekly medication packages for seniors and Ontario Public Drug Program (OPDP) patients.

As you may be aware, 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 affect some of Ontario's most vulnerable and disadvantaged patients, by making it harder for them 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, which are vital both for patients and for Ontario's health care system.

I am concerned that reducing access to these packages will make it harder for me to provide the service my patients need, and result in poorer health.

The effective management of complex medication schedules requires an investment in patient-focused, outcome-oriented care to meet the unique needs of each individual. I support the Ontario Pharmacists' Association efforts to work with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to make important adjustments to these regulations, and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss these concerns.

Sincerely,