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## Memo #40

Date: May 2, 2017

To: Executive/Members

Re: **OECTA - Simcoe Muskoka Annual Golf Tournament; Catherine Barker Memorial Award Nominations; Benefit Concerns**

### **OECTA - Simcoe Muskoka Annual Golf Tournament**

The OECTA - Simcoe Muskoka Annual Golf Tournament – which is less tournament and more fun and socializing - is scheduled for Saturday, May 27, 2017, at Innisbrook Golf Course. We will be playing a Scramble (best ball) with a 1:00 p.m. start time. The cost is \$75 per player. This is a great event to spend a bit of time with your colleagues – at a small cost. You receive round of golf, cart, prize and dinner!



## **Catherine Barker Memorial Award Nominations**

The *Catherine Barker Memorial Award* honours a Simcoe Muskoka Elementary Unit member who has served the profession in an exemplary manner. The award will be presented at the President's Dinner on Thursday, May 25, 2017 or Tuesday, May 30, 2017 (Depending on the area in which the recipient works.) For more information on the criteria for this award, please refer to the document entitled *Catherine Barker Memorial Award Nomination Form* – which can be found on our local website ([www.oectasimcoemuskoka.on.ca](http://www.oectasimcoemuskoka.on.ca)) in the Elementary Section under Documents and Forms. (<http://oectasimcoemuskoka.on.ca/elementary/forms-e/>) We are extending the date nominations will be received at the Unit office, no later than this Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## **Benefit Concerns**

Now that we have fully transitioned to the our OECTA Provincial Benefits (OTIP/Manulife), we at the Unit Office have been receiving some calls and emails around issues with reimbursement and denials – or partial denial - of claims.

We understand the frustration around these issues, in fact we have had some of the same issues. Part of the problem is that we are transitioning to a new plan, after spending several years with Sun Life, and the expectation that each insurance provider has the same policies and guidelines. For example, with Sun Life we could have multiple physiotherapy sessions at the same time. With Manulife, we still have unlimited coverage, but their Reasonable and Customary charge applies to a one-hour visit per day.

Please know that we are addressing your concerns with OTIP/Manulife through our Benefits Manager at OECTA Provincial.

If you have concerns, it is best to contact OTIP directly (1-866-783-6847 or online) and find out the specific reasons for a denial, or reimbursement concern, then, if you are not satisfied with the response, we suggest that you contact us. We will need your OTIP ID # along with the details.

**If you have any concerns, please contact the Unit office at 705-733-9625 or 1-800-558-4815**

**Thank you for sharing this information with OECTA members.**