

### Erie St. Clair LHIN

#### Join the Interim Federal Health Conversation

April 28, 2016

You are invited to join the discussion with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and Medavie Blue Cross to discuss the Interim Federal Health Program (IFH)

IFH restoration has simplified the program for clients and providers. This discussion will highlight the changes and provide details about how it affects local access.



**When:** Thursday, April 28th 9:30 to 11:30am

**Where:**

Option 1, via teleconference: 1-888-289-4573 Access code 6706088#  
No registration is required to join the teleconference

Option 2, in person: You may participate in the webcast in person at:  
Workforce WindsorEssex  
880 North Service Road, Unit 201, Windsor Ontario  
To attend in person, register with [Gaby.Rojo@lhins.on.ca](mailto:Gaby.Rojo@lhins.on.ca) or at 519-351-5677

**Questions for IFH**

Please send in your questions to [sarahmay.garcia@lhins.on.ca](mailto:sarahmay.garcia@lhins.on.ca) by April 21, 2016. This will allow for collation and presenters to prepare for the conversation.



The following organizations participated in the regional conversation:

**Erie St. Clair Regional Health Service Providers:**

- Assisted Living Southwestern Ontario
- Grand Bend Community Health Centre
- Chatham Kent Community Health Centre
- Windsor Regional Hospital
- ESC Community Care Access Centre
- Victorian Order of Nurses
- House of Sophrosyne
- John McGivney Children's Centre

**Settlement Providers and Community stakeholders:**

- New Canadians Centre of Excellence Inc.
- Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County
- Windsor Women Working with Immigrant Women
- Women's Enterprise Skills Training Inc.
- South Essex Community Council
- Matthew House
- Angela Rose House
- Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services
- Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services - Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership
- Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network

In response to the recent restoration of the Interim Federal Health Program, the Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership partnered with the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network to host a ground breaking regional conversation on April 28, 2016.

The Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) provides limited, temporary coverage of healthcare benefits to resettled refugees, refugee claimants, rejected refugee claimants and certain others who are not eligible for provincial or territorial health insurance. The primary purpose of this program is to provide limited, temporary coverage of health-care costs for specific groups of people, such as protected persons (including resettled refugees), refugee claimants, rejected refugee claimants and certain persons detained under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act during their period of ineligibility for provincial or territorial health insurance.

The 2 hour conversation provided opportunities for participants to hear directly from Immigration Refugees Citizenship Canada and Medavie Blue Cross representatives on how changes to the program affect local access to equitable healthcare. After a presentation, the speakers provided responses to both questions submitted in advance of the conversation and new questions arising from the presentation content. All participants received electronic copies of the presentations, helpful website links and contact information for the presenters.