

**TITLE: Eligibility into Perpetuity for HPV, HBV and Tdap Vaccines**

**SPONSOR: Board of Health of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit**

WHEREAS immunization is one of the most effective public health strategies, saving more lives than any other single health intervention in Canada in the last 50 years; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Public Health Standard requires Boards of Health to engage in activities to reduce or eliminate the burden of vaccine preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS Human Papillomavirus and Hepatitis B virus are among the top ten, and Pertussis is among the top 35 pathogens causing death; and

WHEREAS the respective vaccines for these pathogens (HPV; HBV; and Tetanus, Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis [adolescent/adult type vaccine Tdap, a.k.a. *Adacel*]) are only funded for specific school grades or ages; and

WHEREAS children who do not receive these vaccines in these specific times are not authorized by the province to receive these vaccines through public funding for the entire age ranges recommended by National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) (i.e. these vaccines are not funded into perpetuity); and

WHEREAS a significant proportion of children eligible to receive these vaccines do not receive them during the grade or age requirements of the province; and

WHEREAS provincially funded provision of these vaccines for the full age range recommended by NACI would remove a cost barrier for a significant number of people, thereby increasing overall vaccination rates; and

WHEREAS there is no such age restrictions for eligibility for other publicly funded vaccines in Ontario;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies urge the Minister of Health and Long-term Care in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health to expand the eligibility of publicly funded HPV, HBV and *Adacel* vaccination, such that children who do not receive these vaccines at the provincially-specified grade or age continue to be eligible to receive these vaccines through public funding for the entire age ranges and eligibility criteria recommended by NACI.

**ACTION FROM CONFERENCE: Resolution CARRIED AS AMENDED**