



Homeopath: _____ OHA Registration# _____

Carrier: _____ Insured _____ Policy# _____

I am seeking the services of a professional Homeopath registered with the Ontario Homeopathic Association. Standards have been set by this association whereby only graduates of OHA accredited colleges can become members, in order to ensure the public will receive safe, effective and professional care. This provides a guarantee of my practitioner's credentials, ethics, and educational standards- including 3,000 hours of formal instruction in medical science, homeopathic medicine and extensive clinical internship.

The Homeopathy Act was passed in June of 2007, bringing homeopathy into regulation under Ontario's Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA). As such, it is now recognised and acknowledged as its own distinct and specialized system of medicine.

Homeopathy is already covered by most, if not all, insurance companies, but often only when administered by a Naturopath, which concerns me. It is important to differentiate between the two professions: The naturopathic curriculum is broad in its scope. Many modalities are introduced in a general way. This includes homeopathy, traditional Chinese medicine, osteopathy, and massage, among others. Only a general understanding of homeopathy is taught, covering basic philosophies and some of the more common medicines. If they wish to specialize in homeopathy, they would continue studies after graduation at a homeopathic college (reference paragraph one). The same principle applies for the other modalities they are introduced to. For example, a naturopath is taught massage and osteopathic manipulation techniques as part of the curriculum, but cannot use the designation of Registered Massage Therapist, or Osteopath, upon graduation. To do so would require further education at designated colleges, as these are distinct professions under the RHPA.

I am asking that my Homeopath be given the same consideration as other registered professionals regulated under the RHPA.

Homeopathy is an effective, gentle and complex system of medicine that is used worldwide. It is incorporated into the hospitals and health care systems of many countries. It is recognised by the World Health Organisation as the second fastest growing system of medicine in the world. It has been proven effective in the treatment of acute and chronic disease, eliminates the need for expensive medications, shortens recovery times, and encourages a healthy lifestyle. Not only are physical conditions relieved, the patient's mental and emotional states also improve. Stress is reduced, sleep is better, and patients benefit from increased energy and motivation. This translates to better job performance and fewer sick days. Supporting homeopathy is cost effective to employers, insurance companies and the Canadian health care system.

It is my preference as a consumer and policy holder to be treated by the specialist in their field so that I can be confident I am receiving the highest quality of care.

I am requesting that my policy include the services provided by a health care professional with specialized training in Homeopathic Medicine.



About the OHA:

The Ontario Homeopathic Association was founded in 1992 to re-establish Homeopathy as a recognized health care system in Ontario, and to form a united and regulated body of qualified homeopaths who provide safe, effective and professional homeopathic health care to the public. They have set the highest standards for educational requirements for Homeopaths in Ontario. Qualified professionals registered with the OHA's Registry of Homeopaths must have completed training from an OHA accredited Homeopathic College and must meet its standards. This provides a guarantee of quality care to users and their insurance providers. The registry is updated annually and available for verification of individual credentials. For more information about the OHA and its standards of practice, or to request a lunch and learn presentation, they may be contacted at:

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