

**alpha RESOLUTION A16-4**

**TITLE:**           **Enactment of Legislation to Enforce Infection Prevention and Control Practices Within Invasive Personal Service Settings (PSS) under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act***

**SPONSOR:**       **Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit**

WHEREAS       Ontario has no legislation governing infection prevention and control practices to minimize the risk of blood borne disease transmission from practices/procedures performed at invasive Personal Service Settings (PSS); and

WHEREAS       The Personal Service Setting Protocol under the *Ontario Public Health Standards* (OPHS) governs the activities of public health units regarding PSS infection control; and

WHEREAS       The OPHS mandate one inspection per year for invasive personal service settings, which is the same frequency for non-invasive PSS such as a hair salon; and

WHEREAS       Public Health Inspectors (PHIs), in accordance with the OPHS and best practices, inspect invasive PSS without provincial legislation that outlines legal requirements for infection control needs and operator responsibilities; and

WHEREAS       Infection prevention and control practices are a major component of assessing invasive PSS to minimize the transmission risks of blood-borne disease; and

WHEREAS       Invasive PSS such as tattoo/body modification establishments or other invasive PSS require extra attention and time for PHIs to mitigate risk to the public by ensuring operators have adequate infection prevention and control practices in place; and

WHEREAS       An enforcement program should include set fines to be established for offences that are prosecuted under Part I of the *Provincial Offences Act* that can be settled out of court by payment of the amount written on the offence notice;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies strongly recommends and urgently requests the Government of Ontario to enact legislation implementing infection prevention and control requirements for invasive personal service settings under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* with a suitable enforcement program such as short-form wording under the *Provincial Offences Act* to allow for the enforcement of non-compliance with the legislation under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*;

**AND FURTHER** that an appropriate inspection frequency of invasive personal services settings be determined and included in the Infection Prevention and Control in Personal Services Settings Protocol, 2015 (or as current) under the Ontario Public Health Standards;

**AND FURTHER** that the province be asked to provide the necessary funding to accomplish these goals;

**AND FURTHER** that the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario, the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors and the Ontario Public Health Association are so advised.

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