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BILL 179 CONTINUING HEALTH EDUCATION - PROJECT SCOPE -

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Announcing NPAO Bill 179 Continuing Health Education – Project Scope

Bill 179, also known as the *Regulated Health Professions Statute Law Amendment Act, 2009* received Royal Assent in December 2009. Although changes to NP scope of practice will not take effect until proclamation, NPAO will be supporting the continuing education of Ontario Nurse Practitioners through a new program called *Bill 179 Continuing Health Education – Project SCOPE (Supporting Competencies and Optimizing Practice Excellence)*.

The goal of this continuing health education program is to support nurse practitioners to deliver excellent health care for all Ontarians within the full scope of emerging legislation and regulations. Through membership surveys, a curriculum has been developed to meet the educational needs expressed by Ontario NPAO members. To achieve timely and broad access to this continuing education program, NPAO has secured an Ontario Telehealth Network site and access to health care experts that will enable both live and webcast member access to high quality health education across the province.

This educational program has been made possible through a collaborative educational grant from Pfizer Canada Inc. In addition to financial support, Pfizer will also be providing NPAO with access to a library of accredited continuing health education programs.

We are ready for the expansion of our scope of practice and recognize that we will need to continue to develop our knowledge and skills to ensure the highest level of patient care. We are excited about the future and look forward to your active participation in *Project SCOPE*.

Yours in collaboration

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