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Dear Patient:

As of January 1, 2013 annual health exams (also known as "physicals") are only covered by OHIP if you are age 65 or older **unless you have an eligible chronic health condition** (examples include HIV infection, diabetes, or high blood pressure).

A new visit type, the "periodic health review", has been introduced. This review is not a comprehensive examination. This visit entails a review of your current medical problems and your medications, along with recommendations for screening based on your age (for example, screening for diabetes or colon cancer).

Preoperative physical exams (also called "pre-op" examinations) remain insured by OHIP.

If you age 64 or less and require a physical examination (for example, for a special class driver's license or as a condition of employment) you will have to pay for that service (i.e. \$100). (Forms in association with any examination may also have a charge for completion.) Please ask prior to booking these types of appointments to confirm all associated fees and whether you qualify for an OHIP-insured complete (annual) physical examination.

Thank you,

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