

## **MRIA Granted a Critically Important Exemption in Draft Regulations for the *Health Sector Payment Transparency Act***

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care published draft regulations for health sector payments. Once adopted, drug and medical device companies will be required to disclose payments and other transfers of value to healthcare professionals and organizations. Ontario is the first province to adopt such a registry for health sector payments, and it's expected that other provinces will follow suit.

MRIA has been lobbying hard for an exemption for blind studies. We are pleased to report that **as a result of our advocacy efforts, an exemption has been added in the draft regulations**. It's important we secure this exemption to set a precedent for future laws.

A copy of the regulations can be found [here](#) and [here](#) .

Without the exemption, the rules would include incentives paid out to participants in a healthcare market research study—thereby resulting in the public disclosure of the identity of those participants, effectively nullifying the “blind” aspect of research studies.

**The Ministry is accepting comment on the regulations until April 6<sup>th</sup>. MRIA strongly encourages members to send in letters of support for the exemption**, to ensure that it remains in the final version of the regulations.

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