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PRESS RELEASE: OMSA supports the MOHLTC announcement to fund additional residency spots

This year, three out of four Ontario medical students voted for physician services planning and the unmatched medical graduate as their top policy priority. On April 9th, 2018, over 60 medical students met with MPPs at Queen's Park, where we advocated for our peers who were not matched to a residency position this year, and in years past.

One of our asks to the provincial government was to create an additional number of residency positions to clear the accumulating pool of unmatched students.

Today, OMSA is very pleased to support the Ministry of Health in announcing that **additional funding for residency positions will be made available for all Ontario medical graduates who have not matched since 2012.**

We are very happy that these positions will be available for our peers who were not matched in the 2018 CaRMS iteration, for entry into residency on July 1st, 2018.

Particularly, OMSA welcomes that the geographic and specialty distribution of these positions were created in accordance with population need and will be distributed among high priority specialties for the province, including Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, Psychiatry and Family Medicine.

We believe that this is an important first step in addressing the growing number of unmatched medical graduates in Ontario and applaud the Ministry for its responsive action based on Ontarians' needs. We look forward to further working with the Ministry to ensure our physician services planning system is one that is suitable for our peers and future patients.

For more information, please see the Ministry's news release [here](#). Please direct all further inquiries to Vivian Tam, OMSA Director of Representation, at representation@omsa.ca. We look forward to hearing from you.

With all the very best,



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