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March 17, 2020.

Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensee:

The Honourable Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care has announced that the Government of Ontario is providing one-time emergency funding of \$50,000,000 to the long-term care (LTC) home sector effective immediately. This funding will provide each LTC home with immediate relief to fund the extraordinary costs related to the rapid response required to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19.

Each home will receive an allocation of \$37,500 immediately, followed by an additional \$37,500 in April 2020, to support increased operational costs related to screening, staffing, supplies and equipment to help maintain the health and safety of LTC home residents and staff.

This funding will be provided to eligible licensees that are party to a Letter of Agreement for Ministry Direct Funding to Long-Term Care Homes (Direct Funding Agreement, or DFA) with the Ministry. This letter sets out the applicable Ministry policy with respect to this transfer payment funding program for the purposes of Schedule A of the DFA.

Eligible expenses may include the following:

- Staffing expenses to provide immediate 24/7 health screening to ensure staff and visitors are not ill when entering the building, and to screen residents on an ongoing basis to provide early containment of any new infections.
- Additional staffing as required by LTC homes for prevention and containment activities, and to replace workers who are sick.
- Increased costs of cleaning, equipment, and operating supplies beyond typical levels.
- Any other expenses to implement infection control measures based on clinical evidence, advice by a physician or other regulated health practitioners with expertise in infection control.

This funding will be reconciled through a separate line in Section I Part A of the LTCH Annual Report at the end of the applicable year, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this letter and the LTCH Annual Report Technical Instructions and Guidelines.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet Hope', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Janet Hope  
Assistant Deputy Minister

- c: Mr. Richard Steele, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Long-Term Care
- Ms. Donna Duncan, Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Long-Term Care Home Association
- Ms. Lisa Levin, Chief Executive Officer, Advantage Ontario
- Mr. Brian Pollard, Assistant Deputy Minister, Long-Term Care Operations Division
- Mr. Jim Yuill, Director, Financial Management Branch
- Ms. Abby Dwosh, Director, Programs and Funding Branch