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Re: Temporary Deferral of Long-Term Care Home Prior Year Recoveries

Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensees:

During this challenging time, nothing is more important than protecting the health and wellbeing of long-term care residents and staff. Our government has been using its full might to defend against COVID-19 since the outbreak reached Ontario.

In addition to funding and policy measures already implemented to support long-term care homes during this outbreak, the Ministry of Long-Term Care is providing additional flexibility by deferring all recoveries related to prior years that were scheduled between July and December 2020.

This deferral is intended to provide cash flow relief to all long-term care homes, particularly those experiencing cash flow pressures due to COVID-19. Please note that this deferral is a temporary measure as the related amounts will be recovered beginning in January 2021, following the deferral period.

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to improving the quality of long-term care in Ontario, particularly during this unprecedented time as we work together to implement enhanced measures to stop the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care homes.

Sincerely,

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