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July 17, 2020**MEMORANDUM TO:** Long-Term Care Home Sector**FROM:** Brian Pollard
Assistant Deputy Minister, Long-Term Care Capital Development
Ministry of Long-Term Care**SUBJECT:** *NEW: Long-Term Care Home Development Funding Policy, 2020*

The Ministry of Long-Term Care (the “ministry”) is striving to create a 21st century long-term care sector that provides high quality care and accommodation which meets the clinical, safety and social needs of Ontarians living in long-term care homes.

The current long-term care system in Ontario is faced with increasing capacity pressures and is putting additional strain on the province’s health care system as a whole. In addition to the lack of capacity to meet current and future demand, the province is experiencing a rapidly growing aging population with increasingly complex and diverse long-term care needs.

As you are aware, the Ontario Government has committed to creating 15,000 new long-term care beds and redeveloping 15,000 existing, older beds to modern design standards. This is an integral commitment that will seek to reduce hospital overcrowding and ending hallway healthcare.

As announced today by Premier Doug Ford and Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care, the Modernized Funding Model is a strategy that will incentivise the development and redevelopment of all long-term care homes — for profit, not-for-profit and municipal — to develop new modern spaces for Ontario’s seniors.

To enable the Government’s commitment, while recognizing the unique differences in how long-term care development is delivered across the province and addressing development barriers that have arisen to varying degrees, the ministry and Infrastructure Ontario (IO) have designed a Modernized Funding Model, which includes:

1. Establishing specific geographic locations to enable funding approaches that support bed development and redevelopment in large urban, urban, mid-sized, and rural markets; and
2. Introducing a capital development grant and an increase to the existing Construction Funding Subsidy that is specific to each geographic location.

The ministry engaged in extensive consultations with the sector on the new Modernized Funding Model and heard about the barriers to development. This new Funding Model will support long-term care home development projects, and move away from a one-size fits all approach that will enable the government to address the different barriers and needs across the province.

For further information on the ministry's new *Long-Term Care Home Development Funding Policy, 2020*, please reference the attached materials.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in the long-term care home sector. We look forward to working with you to add new long-term care bed capacity in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Pollard".

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cc: Richard Steele, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Long-Term Care
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