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MEMORANDUM TO: Long-Term Care Home Licensees

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SUBJECT: **Suspension of Long-Term Care Home Occupancy Targets to Continue until February 28, 2021**

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and dedication in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. We are continuing to work across sectors at provincial, regional and local levels to respond to the second wave of COVID-19.

Please be advised that the suspension of occupancy targets in effect under the *COVID-19 Emergency Measures Funding Policy* (COVID-19 Funding Policy) that was set to expire on December 31, 2020 will continue to be in effect up to and including February 28, 2021.

The ministry will shortly release a guidance document to assist homes in identifying beds that are to be vacant, or should be used only as isolation rooms, in order to comply with Directive #3 for Long-Term Care Homes under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*. The guidance document will be released in the near future.

Thank you for your continued service and dedication as we work together to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

(Original Signed By)

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