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December 21, 2020

Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensees:

Re: Personal Support Workers Temporary Wage Enhancement

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to ensure our long-term care residents and dedicated staff receive the best care possible care during this unprecedented time.

As you are aware, the government has provided funding for a temporary wage enhancement to Personal Support Workers (PSWs) working in the Long-Term Care (LTC) sector. All LTC homes have now received the first installment of funding from the ministry and are expected to issue payments to eligible workers in the next payment period, or as soon as practical thereafter.

In order to confirm that payments to eligible workers have commenced, LTC homes will be asked to confirm this status as part of the weekly LTC Home Data Collection using the Health Data Collection Service. A request for this information will begin on December 23, 2020. Further details will follow shortly.

Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to Ontario's long-term care residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Steele".

Richard Steele
Deputy Minister

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