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Re: LTC Medication Safety Technology (MST) Program

Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensees:

I am pleased to confirm that the Ministry of Long-Term Care (the “ministry”) will be providing up to \$21,053,600 in 2021-22, \$28,261,500 in 2022-23, and \$28,337,000 in 2023-24 to support long-term care (LTC) homes in adopting technologies to help strengthen medication safety.

In the final report of the Public Inquiry into the Safety and Security of Residents in the Long-Term Care Homes System, the Honourable Eileen E. Gillese, Commissioner of the Public Inquiry, emphasized the importance of medication management in LTC homes in keeping LTC residents safe.

Justice Gillese made a series of findings and recommendations to strengthen medication safety in LTC homes, including recommendations about how technology can be used to do so. Medication safety technologies have been demonstrated to be effective in supporting safety in health care settings, including in acute care and in LTC homes in Ontario.

That is why the ministry is launching an MST program that will support LTC homes in adopting technologies that will help strengthen LTC medication management systems.

The goals of this program are to:

1. Strengthen LTC medication safety
2. Increase the adoption of medication safety technologies across the sector.

This investment is also intended to support homes in laying the foundation for the future implementation of technology systems that will support safety throughout the medication use process.

This initiative is in addition to the *Strengthening Medication Safety in LTC* initiative, a three-year partnership with the Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada (ISMP Canada) to provide education, training, and tools to LTC homes to support the strengthening of LTC medication safety.

Janet Hope, the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Long-Term Care Policy Division, and Sheila Bristo, the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Long-Term Care Operations Division, will write to you shortly concerning the terms and conditions governing this funding.

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to improving the quality of long-term care in Ontario.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Long-Term Care

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