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Re: Personal Support Worker Temporary Wage Enhancement

Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensees:

Further to the recent announcement on March 18, 2021, I am pleased to confirm that the Ministry of Long-Term Care (ministry) will be extending the \$3 per hour temporary wage enhancement (TWE) for personal support workers (PSWs) working in long-term care homes.

The temporary PSW wage enhancement was originally approved for the period of October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. The terms and conditions that applied to the funding provided for the initial period will also apply for the period of April 1 to June 30, 2021, with necessary modifications to reflect the new time period.

Additional details regarding funding allocations to long-term care homes will be communicated shortly. The ministry's goal is to flow this funding as soon as possible. We ask that employers ensure that there is no interruption to payments of the TWE to eligible workers.

The ministry recognizes the critical efforts of all long-term care workers and licensees in keeping our residents safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M Fullerton".

Dr. Merrilee Fullerton
Minister of Long-Term Care

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