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**Re: New Long-Term Care Minor Capital Program**

Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensees:

Further to my communication on April 1<sup>st</sup>, I am pleased to announce the launch of the new Long-Term Care Minor Capital Program (the program) with funding up to \$22.8 million to support homes with minor capital repairs.

The new program is intended to help maintain and extend the life of long-term care homes and delivers on a commitment made in Fall 2019 to the sector to address gaps in the system for funding of minor capital repairs. This program replaces the out of date Structural Compliance Premium, 1999 funding program which ended on March 31, 2020.

The new program will be phased in over multiple years so homes have time to plan for future minor capital priorities. The funding will be provided to long-term care homes who are not already receiving other capital-related funding, such as the Construction Funding Subsidy (CFS) which is paid to homes that have developed or redeveloped under a Development Agreement with the ministry.

Once the new funding model is fully phased-in by 2023-24, all eligible homes will receive a \$5,000 base allocation, plus a \$1.42 per diem amount for each eligible bed. The \$5,000 base allocation will ensure all eligible licensees receive a minimum allocation which will help ensure smaller homes with fewer beds are supported, while the per diem portion will help support larger homes.

All eligible homes that could install cooling during the summer of 2020 to ensure that residents do not have to congregate for cooling purposes should consider this a priority for the use of the allocated funding.

Sheila Bristo, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Long-Term Care Homes Operations Division, Ministry of Long-Term Care, will be sharing details regarding the terms and conditions of this funding program with you in the near future.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to improving the quality of long-term care in Ontario, particularly for attending to the safety and security of residents during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The health and well-being of all Ontarians – including long-term care residents, their families, and staff – is our government's focus. Since we first learned of COVID-19 as an emerging public health issue, the ministry has been actively working with our partners across the health system to implement enhanced measures to stop the spread of the virus.

I look forward to continuing to work with you as we build a 21<sup>st</sup> century long-term care system that is well-resourced, puts residents at the centre and is ready to welcome our most vulnerable when and where they need it.

Sincerely,



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