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Re: Infection Prevention and Control Minor Capital Funding

Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensees:

I am pleased to announce new funding of \$61.4 million for long-term care homes to support minor capital improvements directly linked to improved infection prevention and control (IPAC) practices.

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.

This funding is part of the ministry's response to provide timely and effective support to the long-term care sector to help stabilize homes amidst the evolving challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is intended to help long-term care homes make rapid priority physical infrastructure upgrades that will improve IPAC conditions and practices. Eligible measures will include (but are not limited to) minor renovations to support physical distancing, plumbing or water supply cleaning and repair, HVAC systems upgrades or repairs and/or replacement of furniture and equipment that cannot be fully cleaned.

All homes will receive an allocation, with funding being weighted towards homes with older facilities where IPAC-minor capital needs are likely to be higher than those built to newer standards. Homes will receive a base allocation of \$50,000 plus a per-bed allotment that will be determined by bed classifications. Homes with B through D-upgraded classifications will receive \$600 per bed, while newer homes with New or A classifications will receive \$254 per bed.

The base allocation will provide all eligible licensees with a substantial minimum allocation to ensure smaller homes with fewer beds are supported. The per-bed portion will help support larger homes.

This funding is being provided on a one-time basis, and is in addition to other capital-related funding that homes receive such as the Long-Term Care Minor Capital Program or the Construction Funding Subsidy. In addition, homes already in receipt of the Long-Term Care Minor Capital Program are able to use their allocation from that program towards eligible IPAC expenses as well.

Sheila Bristo, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Long-Term Care Homes Operations Division at the Ministry of Long-Term Care, will share more details about 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.

I look forward to continuing to work with you as we continue to build a 21st 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,



Dr. Merrilee Fullerton
Minister of Long-Term Care

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- Mr. Richard Steele, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Long-Term Care
 - Ms. Helen Angus, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health
 - Mr. William Hatanaka, Board Chair, Ontario Health
 - Ms. Donna Duncan, Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Long-Term Care Home Association
 - Ms. Lisa Levin, Chief Executive Officer, Advantage Ontario
 - Ms. Sheila Bristo, Assistant Deputy Minister, Long-Term Care Operations Division
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