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Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensee

Re: LTC Home Accommodation Rate Changes Effective January 1, 2021

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 crisis.

During this time, we want residents of long-term care homes to focus on care, not financials. With this in mind, the Ministry of Long-Term Care is deferring Long-Term Care (LTC) Home accommodation rate changes for a period of six months. The new rates that were scheduled to be applied on July 1, 2020 have now been deferred to January 1, 2021 to provide relief to residents and families that may be experiencing financial challenges due to COVID-19.

The Ministry will also be providing the Long-Term Care Homes Sector with up to an additional \$3.2 million to cover the portion of increases related to preferred accommodation premium during the deferral period. The announced increases to the level of care funding, which incorporates revenue that would have been collected from the basic accommodation co-payment increases, will continue as planned.

Further to this communication, Sheila Bristo, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Long-Term Care Operations Division will provide you with additional information on the accommodation rate changes that will be in effect on January 1, 2021.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Merrilee Fullerton
Minister of Long-Term Care

- c: Mr. Richard Steele, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Long-Term Care
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