

Ontario Investing An Additional \$100 Million This Year in Home and Community Care

Province Increasing Access to Home Care for Those with High Needs

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Ontario is investing approximately \$100 million this year to enhance support for home care clients with high needs and their caregivers.

This investment will help clients and caregivers most in need, including \$80 million for enhanced home care and \$20 million for caregiver respite. Home care patients and those who care for them will benefit from approximately:

- 350,000 additional hours of nursing care
- 1.3 million additional hours of personal support
- 600,000 additional hours of respite services for caregivers
- 100,000 additional hours of rehabilitation.

This additional funding is part of Ontario's 2015 Budget commitment to increase investments in home and community care by more than \$750 million over three years. These initiatives support the commitments made in [Patients First: A Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care](#), the province's plan to improve and expand home and community care.

Helping more people access better health care faster and closer to home is also part of the government's plan to build a better Ontario through its [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#). The plan is providing patients with faster access to the right care, better home and community care, the information they need to stay healthy and a health care system that's sustainable for generations to come.

QUOTES

"Improving home and community care is one of our government's most important health care priorities. This \$100 million investment greatly expands the amount of nursing and personal support services that will be available to people across the province. These additional hours will make it possible for more people with complex conditions to receive care where they want to be — in their home and community."

— Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"Home Care Ontario, representing front-line home care providers across the province, strongly endorses the Minister's announcement of increased funding support for enhanced home and community care across the province. This very welcome additional funding of \$100 million will assist thousands of Ontarians to receive greater nursing, personal support and therapy service, ensuring that they can comfortably stay at home with the help they need."

— Susan VanderBent, CEO of Home Care Ontario

QUICK FACTS

- Home and community care services support people of all ages who require care in their home, at school or in the community.
- In 2015, Community Care Access Centres provided home care to approximately 650,000 people — 60 per cent of whom were seniors — including 28.7 million hours of personal support and homemaking, 6.9 million nursing visits and 2.1 million hours of nursing shifts.
- This investment will be allocated to support enhanced care for clients with high needs and respite for caregivers who need it the most.
- Information about funding allocations by Local Health Integration Networks will be available in the coming weeks.

LEARN MORE

- [Find home care services in your community](#)
- [Patients First: A Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care](#)
- [Bringing Care Home](#)
- [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)

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