

Ontario Opening 128 New Long-Term Care Beds in Hamilton

Province Creating 30,000 More Beds Across Ontario Over the Next Decade

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Ontario is opening 128 new long-term care beds in Hamilton to help seniors access the care they need, closer to home.

Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, was in Hamilton today to make the announcement, as part of Ontario's commitment to create [5,000 long-term care beds](#) over the next four years and more than 30,000 over the next decade. These new beds will be in addition to the existing 128 beds at Baywoods Place that will be redeveloped, to form a new 256 bed home.

This investment is part of [Aging with Confidence: Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors](#), which has more than 20 new initiatives to help seniors access the supports they need. The plan includes 15 million more hours of nursing, personal support and therapeutic care for long-term care home residents, a free annual high-dose influenza vaccine for seniors, and a new [one-stop website](#) where seniors can find information about tax credits, drug coverage, powers of attorney, recreation programs and more.

Improving seniors' access to the care they need is part of Ontario's plan to create fairness and opportunity during this period of rapid economic change. The plan includes a higher minimum wage and better working conditions, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, easier access to affordable child care, and free prescription drugs for everyone under 25 through the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation.

QUOTES

"Our government is committed to supporting Ontario residents who rely on long-term care homes for their ongoing health and personal care needs. By adding 128 new long-care beds to the redevelopment of Baywoods Place in Hamilton, we are helping more seniors access the care they need in their community, close to family and friends."

— Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"With over 40 per cent of Ontario's long-term care sector requiring redevelopment, today's announcement is a big step in the right direction. The investments the government is making to add more capacity to our system will help more homes, like this one, move forward with their capital plans, and will allow for more spaces to open up for seniors who need a long-term care bed."

— Candace Chartier, CEO of Ontario Long Term Care Association

"I am pleased with the Ontario government's investment in long-term care in our community. The addition of 128 beds and the development of a new Baywoods long-term care facility will provide Hamilton seniors and their families with increased access to the care they need. Increased access to long-term care beds will also ultimately take pressure off our hospitals and emergency departments."

— Fred Eisenberger, Mayor of Hamilton

QUICK FACTS

- The redevelopment of Baywoods Place in Hamilton now enters concurrent capital and licensing review.
- In addition to creating 30,000 new long-term care beds, Ontario is supporting the redevelopment of 30,000 long-term care beds in 300 homes across the province by 2025, including eliminating all four-bed wards, under the Enhanced Long-Term Care Home Renewal Strategy.
- The province has nearly doubled its annual funding for long-term care since 2003, from \$2.1 billion to \$4.14 billion.
- In 2017-18, the province announced a \$101 million investment over the next three years for Ontario's dementia strategy, which includes expanding access to community programs, enhancing education, training and respite services for care partners, and expanding access to care coordination for patients.

LEARN MORE

- [Aging with Confidence: Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors](#)
- [Information for Seniors](#)
- [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)

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