

Newsletter



Financial Accountability Office of Ontario issues report on plan for new LTC beds

Last week, the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario (FAO) issued a report titled [Long-Term Care Homes Program: A review of the plan to create 15,000 new LTC beds in Ontario.](#) The report provides estimates of the impact on the provincial budget, wait lists, and hallway health care.

The report states that Ontario's growing and aging population will continue to place pressure on the long-term care system and that in the absence of other health sector changes, hallway health care will get worse over the next two years. Even with 15,000 new beds, the report says an additional 55,000 new long-term care beds will be needed by 2033 to maintain the wait list at approximately 36,900 individuals.

Selected media coverage is available here:

- [Hallway health care will get worse over the next two years](#) (Toronto Star)
- [Ontario's long-term care system isn't ready for a grey wave](#) (TVO online)
- [Hallway health care will get worse despite massive investment in long-term care, warns fiscal watchdog](#) (Ottawa Citizen)

Ontario proposing to change LTC pharmacy payments

Ontario is intending to change the payment model for long-term care pharmacies. The [Toronto Star ran a story](#) recently on the proposed change and the information has now been posted on the Ministry's website [here](#). The deadline for written comments to the Ministry is November 30, 2019.

LTC home tour hosts wanted

GO GLOBAL CANADA is a one-year program operated by Medicen Paris Region, Medical Valley and the Medicalps clusters. Together with local partners such as TO Health!, MaRS and local provincial governments of Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia, nine innovative European SMEs will be making Canada their next international strategic market. The following companies are interested in touring a LTC home in the Toronto area: Evolucare, Milvue, My Patient Space, Worldish, and Mindpax. If your home is interested in hosting this group of companies for a tour on November 13 from 11 am to noon, please contact Blandine at bhirtz@medicen.org.

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Sponsorship opportunities

Together We Care 2020 Sponsorship opens to the public on Wednesday, November 20. Have your own sponsorship idea? Looking for more information on ways to get involved at this year's convention? Please contact Rebecca Darling at rebecca@bayleygroup.com or 519-263-6001.

In the News

Queen's Park

The Ontario government announced it is supporting 19 research projects to end hallway health care with an investment of nearly \$6.85 million. Read more [here](#).

In the news

A National Post columnist evaluates the Ontario government's plan for 15,000 more long-term care beds within the context of overall health care reform. Read more [here](#).

Ontario opened just 21 new LTC home beds in the first year of the PC government, New Democrat Leader Andrea Horwath says, adding that she is pushing for a faster approval and construction process. Read more [here](#).

The Ottawa Citizen editorial board says that in order to meet growing demand for care, real partnerships are needed between retirement homes and long-term care homes, "both in providing care and helping seniors stay healthier for longer so they don't have to move to long-term care as early". The editorial also calls for more investment in PSWs and for more private spending by those who can afford it. Read more: [Beds, yes. But we need other approaches to long-term care too](#)

In a Toronto Star opinion piece, a researcher describes the alternate level of care (ALC) crisis and says it could be addressed by allowing ALC patients who need long-term care to move directly from hospital to LTC as crisis placements. Read more: [Nobody wins when hospitals become long-term care homes.](#)

In a story on long wait times for home care in the Ottawa region, Health Minister Christine Elliott told the legislature that many new PSWs are choosing not to work in the field, and that she's working with the Minister of Long-Term Care Merrilee Fullerton on human resources planning. Read more [here](#).

Hastings County's long-term care homes need more money for additional staff if they're to reach a provincial standard for residents' personal care, county officials say. Read more [here](#).

Northwestern Ontario residents needing a long-term-care bed are waiting substantially longer than people in most other parts of the province. Read more [here](#).

Research, Resources, and Professional Development

Music Care Conference on Music Through the Lifespan, Nov 8

Room 217's annual one-day [Music Care Conference](#) will be held November 8 at McMaster Innovation Park in Hamilton. Two keynote [presenters](#) will be giving research evidence about the music's role in healthcare, and delegates will get a choice of two of seven afternoon workshops. Certificates of participation can be issued for CEUs. Early bird pricing in effect until October 4. [Learn more](#) and [register](#) today.

CARF Aging Services Accreditation, Nov 13

Attend this webinar to receive an introductory look at what CARF is, how the survey process works, and the benefits of accreditation. November 13 from 1–2 pm. To register, email CARFCanadaTeam@carf.org or call (888) 281-6531, ex. 3012.

Global Montessori Certification for OLTCA members

The Montessori curriculum is a six-hour online course, developed by the Center for Applied Research in Dementia, which provides global certification called Certified Montessori Dementia Care Professional. OLTCA Members are offered a significant discount. For more information and to register, visit www.iccdp.net

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