



OHCA congratulates partners in Champlain LHIN

October 22, 2007, Hamilton – The Ontario Home Care Association applauds today’s announcement by the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) of its pilot program – Aging in Place. “This program recognizes the importance of a broad range of supports that are necessary to promote independence and healthy aging for seniors,” said Sue VanderBent, OHCA Executive Director.

OHCA believes that home care should be more actively involved in proactive health care interventions and, for seniors, addressing the prevention and management of chronic disease, which typically accompanies aging, is essential. (*See our position statement - **The Role of Home Care in Chronic Disease Prevention and Management** - September 2006 at <http://homecareontario.ca/public/about/publications-position-papers.cfm>*)

“Research has shown the effectiveness of health promotion and preventative care to the general population of elderly clients and their caregivers. There is every reason to believe that this strategy will achieve improvements in quality of life for the participants and avoidance of emergency room visits,” said VanderBent.

The OHCA and its members are committed to working closely with the Ministry of Health, the 14 LHINs and health system partners to support initiatives that enable aging at home.

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About OHCA

The OHCA, *the voice of home care in Ontario*, is a membership association representing providers of quality home care services from across Ontario. OHCA is dedicated to promoting the growth and development of the home and community health care sector by helping to shape health care policy, supporting members to excel, and being a leading source of information on home and community care.

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