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MEMORANDUM TO: LHIN Board Chairs
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SUBJECT: Return of Community Care Access Centres to Non-profit
Community Organizations

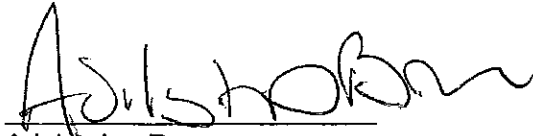
Earlier today, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care sent a letter to Community Care Access Centres (CCACs) advising them of their imminent declassification as government agencies and return to non-profit organizations with non-government appointed boards.

When CCACs aligned with the geographic boundaries of Local Health Integrated Networks (LHINs), the vision for CCACs included returning them to non-profit community organizations. To this end, amendments were made to the *Community Care Access Corporations Act, 2001* that were included in Bill 36, the *Local Health System Integration Act, 2006*, which was passed by the Legislature and received Royal Assent on March 28, 2006. These amendments did not come into force at that time, but were to come into effect upon proclamation. CCAC alignment has now been successfully completed and proclamation of the relevant amendments will take effect April 1, 2009.

You will note that the proclamation has been timed to coincide with the beginning of the new fiscal year to ensure that current CCAC financial and annual reporting requirements end with the 2008/09 fiscal year and do not apply with respect to fiscal 2009/10 (i.e. only one last filing of an auditor's and annual report with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care will be required for fiscal 2008/09). The April 1, 2009 date also coincides with the implementation of the new LHIN/CCAC service accountability agreements for April 1, 2009 making it an appropriate time to end CCACs' dual accountability to the LHINs and the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

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CCACs are key LHIN health service providers that are central to many government and LHIN initiatives. I trust that the new relationship between you and the CCACs will support their continued efforts to build on past achievements and their important contributions in meeting the health care needs of Ontarians.



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