

Ontario Home Care Association welcomes Hudak promise for home care

May 24, 2011 - The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) commends the significant commitment for more home care funding announced by Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak today. For the overwhelming majority who prefer to remain in their community, home care service is more desirable, cost effective and health effective. By investing in home care, the sustainability of the whole health system will be more readily achieved and, more importantly, individual health care needs will be met in a manner that is respectful and aligned with individual values.

“Giving families control and choice respects the dignity of those who wish to live independently at home”, said Sue VanderBent, Executive Director, Ontario Home Care Association. It is vital that Ontarians can confidently receive “the right care, at the right time, in the right place”.

Providing quality health care to Ontarians is fundamental to members of the OHCA. Accordingly, OHCA supports rigorous standards and examination of performance throughout the health system assuring accountability at all points along the care continuum. A robust home care system will improve the quality of life, achieve better health outcomes for Ontarians, and reduce the need for care in the most expensive parts of the health system.

OHCA recognizes and values the important contribution of all system partners and will continue to work collaboratively to realize the right mix of care in order to keep Ontarians at home.

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About the 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 members represent an estimated 25,000 staff collectively serving 300,000 Ontarians per year. OHCA works with families as integral partners in the delivery of home care services and as such estimates that 1.2 million Ontarians are impacted by members. 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. OHCA members are accredited through Accreditation Canada, CARF, and/or registered with the International Standards Association (ISO).

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