



## **OHCA POSITION STATEMENT ON THE PROCUREMENT OF PHYSIOTHERAPY IN LONG-TERM CARE HOMES**

November, 2005 - The Board of Directors of the Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) represents home care service provider organizations across Ontario. Many OHCA members provide physiotherapy care to persons residing in Long-Term Care Homes. OHCA is vitally interested in the policy and processes governing the selection of providers for the Long-Term Care home sector.

The OHCA believes that an open selection process should be used to choose providers of care for residents in Long-Term Care Homes. A transparent, fair and unbiased process that begins as soon as possible will ensure that Long-Term Care homes are able to acquire an appropriate level of physiotherapy services from qualified providers to meet the needs of residents.

OHCA further believes that physiotherapy service providers must be selected through a standardized public competitive selection process that ensures high quality services within funding levels established for each home, and promotes fair dealings and equitable relationships with physiotherapy service providers.

As the introduction of a competitive process for physiotherapy service is new to many Long-Term Homes, it is imperative that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care provide support and direction. Standardized procurement processes and support for Long-Term Care homes to review and evaluate responses will assist the sector during the transition to a competitive model.

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