



The Board of Directors of the Ontario Home Care Association reacts positively to introduction of legislation for Local Health Integration Networks

November 28, 2005 The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) is pleased that the proposed Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) will improve patient care by allowing communities to plan and coordinate local services. This move will allow people to receive care at the right place and the right time, increasing access to local providers and home care service provision through realigned Community Care Access Centres.

The OHCA is particularly pleased that both LHINs and service providers will be required to jointly develop strategies to integrate services, thus enabling the emergence of systems approach to health care. The LHINs will support local citizen engagement and encourage accountable and equitable decision-making related to funding for care needs. Identifying local priorities, planning for local health services and integrating and funding local health services will be important levers to move health care in Ontario into a true systems approach to health care.

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