

Ontario Home Care Association Welcomes New Rehabilitation Funding for In-Home Services

October 3, 2005 - The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA), representing home care providers across the province, is pleased with Minister Smitherman's announcement of \$10 million for in-home rehabilitation services.

Through a number of initiatives across the province, home care has demonstrated that it plays an effective role both pre- and post-operatively to help transition people out of hospital thereby reducing the length of stay and freeing up space for those with acute complex care needs and for those awaiting surgery.

On behalf of our members, we thank the Minister for coupling home care funding with the plan to provide additional procedures. The commitment to additional rehabilitation for Ontarians demonstrates the McGuinty government's on-going recognition of the important role of home care within an integrated health care system.

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The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) represents home care providers delivering quality care to over 250,000 Ontarians annually. For the most up-to-date information about home care in Ontario, subscribe to OHCA House Call at www.homecareontario.ca.

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