



Ontario Home Care Association thanks Health Minister for broad reaching initiatives to improve home care

December 15, 2008 - An effective health care system for the 21st century delivers integrated care at the point of care. It is grounded in quality, having solid standards based on evidence-informed practice. There are checks and balances and it is accountable to the public. The health system also offers a strong, reliable and accessible home care program which fully supports individuals of all ages to remain independent at home for as long as possible. Today's announcement sets the vision for such a system in Ontario.

The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) members understand that clients are vulnerable to the lack of coordination and communication between different sectors in the health care system. The initiatives announced by Minister Caplan will result in improved quality processes across the spectrum of care and demonstrate the potential for improvements at the individual and population level.

On behalf of our members and the 650,000 individuals receiving government funded home care annually, we thank Minister Caplan for launching a comprehensive strategy that we believe will stand the test of time.

About 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 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 and/or the International Standards Association (ISO).

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