



Ontario Home Care Association applauds introduction of CCAC Care Connectors

February 13, 2009 – The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) applauds Premier McGuinty’s new, innovative program – Health Care Connect, which will help Ontarians access family health care. Central to this initiative are Care Connectors, nurses employed by the Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) to help facilitate access to physicians and nurse practitioners.

OHCA members work closely with CCAC staff to support individuals who may or may not be eligible for government funded home care. Members experience firsthand the challenges of helping those without access to a primary care practitioner.

“The Care Connector role is a natural and appropriate expansion of the CCAC. CCACs have developed an expertise and knowledge base of helping people to navigate the home and community care system. Building on their relationships with primary care and helping individuals access physicians in their communities makes sense”, said Sue VanderBent, Executive Director.

The OHCA will continue to work with CCACs, LHINs and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to facilitate the implementation and development of this important provincial initiative.

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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