



OHCA welcomes new Minister of Health & Long-Term Care

October 7, 2009, Hamilton – The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) commends the McGuinty government for its selection of Deb Matthews to the post of Minister of Health & Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). In so doing, Ontarians can be assured that the transformation agenda for health will be sustained.

“Minister Matthew’s experience on social assistance reform and her work on the new Ontario Child Benefit are but two examples of the excellence and compassion that Ms. Matthews brings to the position,” said Sue VanderBent, OHCA Executive Director. “We are looking forward to working with Minister Matthews in her new capacity,” she added.

OHCA believes that Ontario’s health care system must continue to move toward a greater emphasis on health promotion and illness prevention, and in so doing, acknowledge the imperative to keep individuals at home for as long as possible. The OHCA commits to working closely with the MOHLTC and health system partners in order to ensure that the citizens of Ontario can continue to be able to live independently and with dignity in their own homes.

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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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