



Working Together to Bend the Health Care Cost Curve

April 19, 2010 - The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) commends the Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres (OACCAC), the Ontario Federation of Community Mental Health and Addiction Programs (OFCMHAP) and the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) for their report *"Ideas and Opportunities for Bending the Health Care Cost Curve: Advice for the Government of Ontario"*. The report identifies a number of evidence based solutions to increase efficiency within the health system while also improving access and quality of care. The strategies emphasize the importance of implementing that evidence which has been developed, tested and confirmed to improve care.

Under the leadership of the Ontario government, the province's health system is undergoing a transformation to address the needs of the population and enable a good system of care for generations to come. Home care is recognized as a vital part of the broader health care system and as such is integral to the solutions required in Ontario.

Today, the home care system is achieving excellence and contributing to the health and independence of the population through continuous improvement, innovation and best practice. OHCA supports the recommendations contained in the joint report and will continue to work with the full range of health partners and the Ontario government to help realize the implementation of proven strategies province wide.

It is the best thing to do for the people of Ontario.

About the OHCA

The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA), *the voice of home care in Ontario™*, is an organization of home health and social care service providers. Association members deliver nursing care, home support services, personal care, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work, dietetics, speech language therapy and medical equipment and supplies in the home to individuals of all ages. OHCA members are contracted by all three levels of government, Community Care Access Centres, insurance companies, institutions, corporations and private individuals. OHCA members are accredited through the Accreditation Canada and/or the International Standards Association (ISO).

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