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OHHCPA supports Ontario's Procurement System for Quality Home Care Services

The Ontario Home Health Care Providers' Association (OHHCPA), representing home care agencies across the province, is supportive of the current Community Care Access Centres' (CCACs) procurement process which has been designed with the input of all stakeholders to facilitate the selection of providers of home care services based on quality indicators.

An objective procurement process is an effective means for ensuring that all organizations, regardless of their long-standing service arrangements with the purchaser, are challenged to demonstrate continuous quality improvement and openness to the desperately needed innovation that will support the type of responsive health care system sought by this government.

The current procurement process has resulted in a continuing balance of provider types, including providers of professional services. OHHCPA believes that continued improvements to the process as planned by the government should be undertaken in order to build on the positive outcomes of the process.

Since the introduction of a formal procurement process, home care in Ontario has experienced an increase in innovation, improved accountability and enhanced collaboration among all providers. Job growth, which the industry continues to support, has also resulted.

With the recently announced Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs), OHHCPA believes that home care in Ontario will continue to grow and evolve playing an integral role in shared accountability for providers, government, community, and consumers.

OHHCPA encourages the government to stay the course and remain firm to its commitment to create an environment where all providers can present home health care solutions through an unbiased and transparent procurement process.

The Ontario Home Health Care Providers' Association (OHHCPA) represents over 35 companies delivering quality home health care services in Ontario and more than 20 organizations providing supportive services to home care organizations.

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