

## Home Care Ontario Welcomes Move to Modernize Home and Community Care

February 25, 2020 − ONTARIO − Home Care Ontario, the voice of home care in Ontario<sup>TM</sup>, applauds the government for delivering on its commitment to end hallway health care and build a connected and sustainable healthcare system centred around the needs of patients. A robust home care system is an integral part of helping people to go home from the hospital, to continue to live at home and receive care as they age in place.

"Home Care Ontario welcomes the government's move to modernize home and community care," said Sue VanderBent, CEO, Home Care Ontario. "Today's changes will allow patients to better access the right care, at the right time, and in the right place. These changes will make the system work more efficiently, and ultimately will allow local health teams to better work together to keep people healthier at home."

Home Care Ontario will continue to support the transformation of Ontario's health system and looks forward to working together with the government to allow even more care to be delivered at home.

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## **About Home Care Ontario**

Home Care Ontario, the voice of home care in  $Ontario^{TM}$ , is a member-based organization with a mandate to promote growth and development of the home care sector through advocacy, knowledge transfer, and member service. For over thirty years Home Care Ontario has promoted the growth and development of home care as a key pillar of Ontario's health care system through advocacy, knowledge transfer, thought leadership, and member service.

In Ontario, service provider organizations are responsible for providing nursing care, home support services, personal care, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, infusion pharmacy, social work, dietetics, speech language therapy and medical equipment and supplies in the home to individuals of all ages. An estimated 50 million hours of publicly and privately purchased home care service is provided annually across the province.