

Bringing Home Care into Ontario's Technology Strategy

October 24, 2016 – Today, Home Care Ontario releases a report, Bringing Home Care into Ontario's Technology Strategy. The paper provides advice on the requirements for an integrated technology solution that makes it easier for patients and their families to receive care at home.

The recommendations provided by Home Care Ontario are designed to ensure that Ontarians receive full benefit from a health system that is enabled by effective electronic processes and communication. The Association's underlying premise is that all health system partners must have equal access to information and make every effort to ensure that care is seamless and that people are well informed and confident that the front line home care delivery system, as a part of the broader health care system, is available and effective.

"We believe this paper will be helpful as the Government works to implement Ontario's Patients First Strategy," said Sue VanderBent, Association CEO. "The health system must leverage every resource to achieve the best care and value for each and every Ontarian."

Home Care Ontario commits to continuing to work with government and health system partners to implement effective strategies to ensure the right resources are effectively deployed to keep Ontarians at home.

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About Home Care Ontario

Home Care Ontario, the voice of home care in Ontario™, 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. Home Care Ontario members include those engaged in and/or supportive of home-based health care. In Ontario, Home Care Providers are responsible for delivering 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. An estimated 58 million hours of publicly and privately purchased home care service is provided annually across the province.

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