



## **Submission on Proposed Amendments to the Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015 under Bill 119, Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act, 2026**

Home Care Ontario welcomes the Government of Ontario's proposed changes to the Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015 (PRCRA) as part of Bill 119.

The delays in police record checks in recent years—particularly Vulnerable Sector Checks (VSCs)—have created significant barriers to employment and service delivery across sectors. Service providers reported delays of up to 12 weeks in some regions, which in turn, were having a pronounced impact on home care, where timely onboarding of qualified staff is essential to ensuring safe, high-quality care for home care patients.

The Association has been a leading voice for action in this area, including a joint appeal along with the Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA) to the Solicitor General highlighting urgent VSC delays and the need to include the home care sector in any solutions.

We, therefore, applaud the government for taking action to address this issue, and believe the proposed solutions, including the establishment a service standard and greater information sharing among police services, will deliver timelier and thorough VSCs checks in the future.

Home Care Ontario also respectfully urges the government to look at ways to prioritize home and community care VSC applications and explicitly reference the sector in any regulation or service standard given its critical role in delivering timely care and serving vulnerable populations across Ontario.

Thank you for your consideration of Home Care Ontario's submission and we welcome the opportunity to discuss our feedback in greater detail.