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## **Peterborough, Lindsay and Minden area Hospitals to Get \$6.2 Million Boost From 2017 Provincial Budget**

*Ontario to Increase Hospital Funding in Central East Ontario to Reduce Wait Times and Expand Services*

**NEWS**

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Ontario will invest more than \$6.2 million in the Peterborough Regional Health Centre, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation and Ross Memorial Hospital, to provide faster access to health care, expand crucial services and procedures, and improve the experience of patients.

This investment in these three hospitals in Central East Ontario is part of a 3.1 per cent increase in hospital funding proposed in the 2017 Budget to directly benefit patients at every public hospital across Ontario, and would:

- Provide more access to cardiac services, critical care, organ/tissue donations and transplants, rare disease care, and bariatric services, as well as support for new and redeveloped hospitals
- Improve access and reduce wait times for chemotherapy, stroke treatments, hip and knee replacements, and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRIs)
- Support service delivery by hospitals in high-growth communities, as well as small, medium, northern and rural hospitals, and mental health and stand-alone paediatric hospitals.

Ontario is increasing access to care, reducing wait times and improving the patient experience through its [Patients First Action Plan for Health Care](#) and [OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare](#) – protecting health care today and into the future.

### **QUOTES**

“By increasing our investment to each and every publicly funded hospital in Ontario, patients will be able to connect with specialists faster, have reduced wait times and better access to the procedures they need close to home.”

— Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“These important investments in Peterborough, Lindsay and Minden will help strengthen the patient experience throughout our Central Eastern Ontario hospitals. Investing in healthcare is a priority for our government and I am pleased that we are making it easier for residents to access the services they need closer to home.”— Jeff Leal, MPP for Peterborough



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“Today’s hospital funding announcement supports the ongoing delivery of vital acute care services in Peterborough City and County sub-region, as we continue to create an integrated service delivery network that includes primary care providers, inter-professional health care teams, hospitals, public health, mental health and addictions and home and community care to ensure a more seamless patient focused experience that is aligned with local needs.”

— Deborah Hammons, Chief Executive Officer, Central East LHIN

“This additional funding will go a long way to support excellent care for the people of this community and region. I want to thank the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Central East LHIN for making this investment into the patients and healthcare providers of Peterborough Regional Health Centre.”

— Dr. Peter McLaughlin, President & CEO, Peterborough Regional Health Centre

## QUICK FACTS

- Each of Ontario’s 141 public hospitals will receive a minimum 2 per cent increase to its base funding in 2017–18.
- Hospital operating funding in Ontario has increased more than 58 per cent, from \$11.3 billion in 2003-04 to \$18 billion in 2017-18.
- Ontario’s health care budget will total \$53.8 billion in 2017–18 — a 3.8 per cent increase from the previous year.
- Three hospitals in Central East Ontario will receive over \$6.2 million in additional funding:
  - Peterborough Regional Health Centre will receive \$4,457,496
  - Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation will receive \$180,300
  - Ross Memorial Hospital will receive \$1,563,741
- Ontario also plans to invest an additional [\\$9 billion over 10 years in capital grants to hospitals to build modern infrastructure](#). About 34 hospital projects are now underway across the province.

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