

Durham Hospitals to Get \$10.9 Million Boost From 2017 Provincial Budget

Ontario to Increase Hospital Funding in Durham Region to Reduce Wait Times and Expand Services

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Ontario will invest an additional \$2,400,100 in Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences that would increase access to mental health care, expand crucial services, and improve the experience of patients.

In addition to the Provinces' investment in Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences, Lakeridge Health will be receiving an additional \$8,544,215 in funding.

This investment in Durham 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.

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“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

“I was delighted to be on hand today to help our government announce that Ontario Shores will be receiving increased funding for the 2017-2018 year. Ontario Shores has a longstanding reputation of providing invaluable mental health and addictions services for their patients, and this announcement will help them to continue and improve their important work.”

— Granville Anderson, MPP Durham

“I am incredibly proud of our government's continued investment in the health care of Ontario residents. This enables our community to obtain the mental health supports that they need, when they need them and locally in the Durham Region and surrounding area.”

— Tracy MacCharles, MPP Pickering Scarborough-East

"Today's hospital funding announcement supports the ongoing delivery of vital mental health and addictions services in the Central East LHIN's seven sub-regions and beyond as Ontario Shores continues to collaborate with local and provincial partners so that individuals with mental health and addictions issues are able to receive timely care that leads to lasting recoveries. The Central East LHIN is committed to creating 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 help us to meet the ever-growing demand for specialty mental health services. We are committed to providing care that meets the highest quality standards and working with our partners to advance the mental health and addictions system. I would like to thank the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the Central East LHIN and our political representatives for this additional investment to support Ontario's most vulnerable citizens."

— Karim Mamdani, President and CEO, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences

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.
- 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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