



## Investment Provides More Health Care in the Community

*Funding Boost Will Make Wait Times Shorter*

### NEWS

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More Central East LHIN patients, who no longer require hospital care, will now have access to additional care in the community thanks to new provincial funding announced today by the Central East LHIN.

The funding will help ease pressure on Emergency Rooms and is being provided under the province's Aging at Home Strategy. It will go towards the LHIN's *Home First* initiative and will provide support for an additional eighty residents as they return home after their acute care stay in the hospital.

The Aging at Home Strategy allows people to stay in their homes while receiving supportive community care. The Strategy also eases pressures on hospitals by locating and coordinating care for patients who no longer require hospital services. Freeing up hospital beds helps patient flow throughout the hospital and leads to shorter wait times in the ER.

### QUOTES

"The Central East LHIN is continuing to work with local hospitals, the Central East Community Care Access Centre and community support service agencies on new initiatives such as *Home First* and the Geriatric Assessment and Intervention Network (GAIN) to improve services for seniors and increase access to home care. This additional funding will help support these important services."

--Deborah Hammons, CEO, Central East LHIN

"*Home First* and GAIN are exciting steps in our shared Aging at Home journey. These strategies support our ability to fulfill our role as care connectors and highlight the importance of the collaboration that exists with our acute and community care partners in the CE LHIN."

--Don Ford, CEO, Central East Community Care Access Centre

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“Investing in health care in the community is a priority. These investments will ensure that people get the care they need in the right setting, will free up hospital resources and reduce wait times in our Emergency Rooms

– Gerry Philips, MPP, Scarborough-Agincourt

### QUICK FACTS

- The Central East CCAC, community support service agencies and hospitals across the Central East LHIN have been introducing the *Home First* initiative since September with The Scarborough Hospital being the next location in January 2011.
- Across the province, 85 per cent of all Ontario patients who visit emergency rooms are being seen within the provincial targets and there has been an 8.7 per cent reduction in emergency room length of stay since April 2008.

### LEARN MORE

Find out more about [Home, Community and Residential Care Services for Ontario Seniors](#)

Find out more about [Emergency Room Wait Times](#)

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## Reducing Emergency Room Wait Times

Seven Local Health Integration Networks with a high number of patients in hospital beds who do not require hospital care are making investments in additional community care services, as well as in transitional care beds that allow individuals to improve their functional abilities and delay or avoid admission to Long-Term Care Homes.

These patients can receive the care they need at home or other appropriate settings through community health services. The funding will support initiatives such as Home First programs, transitional beds and supportive housing.

HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDER		PROGRAM	FUNDING 2010/11
<b>CENTRAL EAST LHIN</b>			
Central East Community Care Access Centre	Enhanced Home Care Supporting "Home First" Philosophy		\$2,209,500
<b>CHAMPLAIN LHIN</b>			
Cornwall Community Hospital	Transitional care beds		\$985,700
Montfort Hospital	Transitional care beds		\$800,900
The Ottawa Hospital	Transitional care beds		\$1,146,600
Queensway Carleton Hospital	Transitional care beds		\$917,300
<b>ERIE ST. CLAIR LHIN</b>			
Windsor-Essex Long-Term Care Homes	Interim Long-Term Care Bed Expansion		\$1,474,200
<b>HAMILTON NIAGARA HALDIMAND BRANT LHIN</b>			
Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant CCAC	Patient Flow Improvement Plan – Support Clients from Hospital to Home, and At Home (H2H&AH)		\$3,800,000
<b>NORTH EAST LHIN</b>			
North East CCAC	NE Regional Home First Strategy		\$922,300
Pioneer Manor (Sudbury)	24 Interim LTC Beds		\$518,900
West Nipissing General Hospital	10 Interim LTC beds		\$275,800
<b>NORTH SIMCOE MUSKOKA LHIN</b>			
North Simcoe Muskoka CCAC	Home First		\$1,400,000
<b>NORTH WEST LHIN</b>			
Kenora Home for the Aged	Supportive Housing in Kenora		\$120,000
Patricia Region Senior Services	Supportive Housing in Dryden		\$30,000
Riverside Health Care Facilities	Supportive Housing in Rainy River		\$60,000
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,661,200</b>

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