



Ministry of Long-Term Care

Ontario Expanding Access to Community Long-Term Care Services

Province launches program for people to access services offered in long-term care homes so they can age safely at home

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BRAMPTON — The Ontario government is investing \$15 million over two years in the Community Access to Long-Term Care (CALTC) program that will enable people to receive long-term care services while still living in their own homes. The program is part of the government's plan to protect Ontario by investing in public services, including by ensuring more seniors can age safely in their own homes.

"Our government is protecting our long-term care system with targeted investments that ensure people get the right care in the right place," said Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care. "By giving seniors access to more services while living safely at home, the Community Access to Long-Term Care program will improve seniors' quality of life, support caregivers, reduce avoidable hospital visits and delay the need for live-in long-term care."

The CALTC program, which was announced today at Peel Manor's Seniors Health and Wellness Village in Brampton, will allow people still living in their own homes to access long-term care services, including clinical and personal care, nursing support, dementia resources and wound care, so they can age safely at home for longer. The program is open to seniors and others living in their homes who are on the long-term care waitlist, eligible for long-term care, or soon to be eligible for long-term care. CALTC is being launched in partnership with three long-term care homes in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, including Peel Manor's Seniors Health and Wellness Village, before expanding to additional sites in 2026, with a focus on rural and northern communities.

The government is fixing long-term care to ensure Ontario's long-term care residents get the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve, and a key part of our plan is to improve care for seniors living in the community. The plan to improve care for residents is built on four pillars: staffing and care; quality and enforcement; building modern, safe, and comfortable homes; and connecting seniors with faster, more convenient access to the services they need.

QUICK FACTS

- The other homes in this program include Partners Community Health's Integrated Seniors' Hub at Wellbrook Place in Mississauga and St. Joseph's Villa Dundas. Those interested in accessing the program should contact the participating homes directly.
- In August, the government <u>announced an \$89 million investment</u> to protect seniors by making the Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care (CPLTC) program permanent and expanding services offered in First Nations communities.
- Seniors people age 65 and older make up the fastest growing age group in the province.
- As part of its plan to fix long-term care and address waitlists, the government is building 58,000 new and upgraded long-term care beds across the province.
- Ontario is offering incentives of up to \$35,400 to PSW students and eligible PSWs to launch careers in long-term care homes and in the home and community care sector.

The Ontario government invested up to \$4.9 billion between 2021 and 2025 to create thousands
of new positions for personal support workers, nurses, and allied health professionals in longterm care.

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"This investment in the Community Access to Long-Term Care program will make a real difference for seniors and families in our community. With Peel Manor's Seniors Health and Wellness Village serving as one of the first sites, seniors in Brampton will have better access to the supports they need from clinical and nursing services to personal care while continuing to live safely at home. This is another important step in improving the care and quality of life for our growing senior population."

— Amarjot Sandhu, MPP for Brampton West

"By 2041, one in five Peel residents will be over the age of 65, which will mean that more people in our community will be living with dementia. The Seniors Health and Wellness Village at Peel Manor will support the diverse needs of this population with emotion-based care in long term care, as well as seniors and caregivers living in their own homes. By working in partnership with the Ministry of Long-Term Care, as we are with this pilot program, we can improve the quality of life for seniors in Peel, while helping the health care system operate more effectively."

Nando Iannicca, Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Peel Region

"At Partners Community Health, we are committed to helping seniors live healthy, fulfilling lives in the place they call home. As a trusted partner in building a connected system of care, we are proud to be included in the Community Access to Long-Term Care program, which reflects our vision of delivering high-quality, integrated, and personalized care to seniors in the community. Through this program, we can empower seniors to stay active, independent and engaged, while receiving the care they need to live at home longer with the best quality of life possible."

— Tess Romain, President & CEO, Partners Community Health

"At St. Joseph's Villa Dundas, we have a long tradition serving our community with high-quality, compassionate care. Through the Community Access to Long-Term Care program, we are supporting healthy aging in place for seniors and their families and creating new health and social care options for seniors that are tailored to where they are in their care journey."

— John Woods, Integrated President of St. Joseph's Villa Dundas, St. Joseph's Health Centre Guelph, and St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre Brantford

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