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MEMORANDUM TO: Long-Term Care Home Licensees

FROM: Sheila Bristo
Assistant Deputy Minister
Long-Term Care Operations Division

RE: Long-Term Care Home Accommodation Rate Changes effective in 2022

In May 2021, the Ministry of Long-Term Care (Ministry) announced the deferral of resident accommodation co-payment increases from July 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022. To provide further relief to residents and families, I am writing to inform you that the co-payment increase scheduled for January 1, 2022 will be suspended, and the scheduled July 1, 2022 co-payment rate increase will be deferred to October 1, 2022. Effective October 1, 2022, scheduled co-payment increases will resume, and the increase will be based on the applicable rate of inflation in 2021.

Although the inflationary increase applies to all LTC home beds, those residents who apply for and receive a rate reduction should not be affected because their co-payment amount is determined based on what they can afford. The 2021-22 Rate Reduction cycle ends on June 30, 2022. Residents are required to re-apply for a reduction in the basic co-payment rate for the 2022-23 cycle, beginning on July 1, 2022.

In addition, to compensate licensees for the loss of preferred accommodation premiums, the Ministry will reimburse the preferred co-payment premiums that would have been charged to residents for the period of January 1, 2022, to September 30, 2022. This funding will be provided to each home under its Letter of Agreement for Ministry Direct Funding (Direct Funding Agreement, or DFA) with the Ministry. This letter constitutes the primary "Applicable Ministry Policy Document" with respect to this funding pursuant to Schedule A of the DFA.

Please ensure that the enclosed bulletin is provided to all LTC home applicants and that applicants are informed of the rates prior to their receipt of a bed offer. Should you have any questions, please contact the LTC Action Line, at 1-866-434-0144.

Thank you for your efforts and commitment to improving the quality of care provided to LTC residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheila Bristo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sheila Bristo
Assistant Deputy Minister

Enclosures

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Bill Hatanaka, Board Chair, Ontario Health
Matthew Anderson, President and CEO, Ontario Health
Elham Roushani, Chief Financial Officer, Ontario Health
Lisa Levin, Chief Executive Officer, AdvantAge Ontario
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