

## News Release

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### **Keeping Ontarians Healthier at Home in Mississauga Halton LHIN**

*McGuinty Government Providing More Access to Community Services*

Local residents – especially seniors – in the [Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Network](#) (LHIN) now have more options for care and to live independently in their homes.

This year, the Ontario government is increasing support for community services in the MH LHIN, such as:

- Delivering more care at home and services to high need seniors and those with chronic diseases through additional investments in the Mississauga Halton Community Care Access Centre (CCAC)
- Enhanced services at India Rainbow Community Services of Peel to accommodate more seniors with high care needs and provide more respite services for caregivers
- Supports for Daily Living expansion to accommodate 2000 clients and improve access to care for area residents. This includes a new Central Registry which will streamline referrals offering access to referral services seven days per week
- Mental Health and Addiction Services to build capacity, focusing on providing clinical treatment and community support assisting with withdrawal management, opiate support help, and pregnant/parenting addiction services

The investment will help local residents return home sooner following a hospital stay. It also will help free up hospital and long-term care beds, shorten emergency room wait times and reduce the number of readmitted patients. In addition, 90,000 more seniors across the province will receive care at home thanks to an additional three million personal support worker hours over the next three years.

Increased support for home care and community services helps provide the right care, at the right time, in the right place and is part of Ontario's [Action Plan for Health Care](#).

#### **QUOTES**

“Residents in Mississauga Halton LHIN want to be able to receive care in their community and in their homes. With these targeted investments, we are able to better help our health service providers deliver the type of care our residents, particularly seniors, want and need.”

— Graeme Goebelle, Mississauga Halton LHIN Chair

“As our population ages, our health care system needs to change so that our seniors can receive care at home and in the community. Today’s announcement makes sure that the community health agencies providing this care get the support they need to expand their services.”

— Amrit Mangat, MPP, Mississauga – Brampton South

“We’ve made the right choice to invest our precious health care dollars where they are most needed – in home and community care. This will allow more Ontarians to live independently at home, and reduce pressure on hospitals and long-term care homes.”

— Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

## QUICK FACTS

- Assisting seniors to live independently at home helps improve hospital patient flow and shorten wait times in emergency rooms.
- Mississauga Halton LHIN serves the communities of Oakville, Milton, Halton Hills, Mississauga and South Etobicoke and is the province’s second smallest LHIN in geographical size and the fifth largest in population. It had the highest growth rate in population (12%) from 2006 to 2011 and includes the fastest growing community in Canada – the town of Milton.
- Over the next 20 years, the number of people over 65 years of age residing within the Mississauga Halton LHIN will increase at a rate that is the second greatest in the province of Ontario.
- With these new investments, the Mississauga Halton LHIN will support more seniors in the community through expansion and enhancement of core Supports for Daily Living services improving access and providing more resources for seniors to live healthy lives in the community.
- This investment is part of the 2012 Ontario Budget commitment to increase funding for community and home care services.

## LEARN MORE

Read more about the Mississauga Halton LHIN at [www.mississaugahaltonlhin.on.ca](http://www.mississaugahaltonlhin.on.ca)

Learn about [alternatives to a hospital ER](#).

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