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Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensees:

Re:	Funding for long-term care homes for the Skin and Wound Professional Growth Fund
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I am pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2025, the Ministry will provide a total of \$1,000,000 in one-time funding in 2024-25 through the Skin and Wound Professional Growth Fund that will be distributed among eligible long-term care (LTC) home licensees.

Eligible LTC home licensees are those homes whose licensee is a party to a Letter of Agreement for Ministry Direct Funding to Long-Term Care Homes (DFA) with the Ministry.

This letter and the terms outlined in the attached “Skin and Wound Professional Growth Fund Funding Policy” set out the Applicable Ministry Policy Document for this funding under Schedule A of the DFA, as supplemented by the directives and policies identified in the DFA.

The Ministry recommends that LTC homes use this funding for backfilling LTC staff members participating in skin and wound care education and training. This is intended to support LTC homes in accessing Ministry-funded skin and wound education programs offered this winter by Nurses Specialized in Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Canada (NSWOCC) and Wounds Canada. However, should LTC homes not be able to spend this funding for this purpose, they may spend it on any other eligible expenses laid out in the *Skin and Wound Professional Growth Fund Funding Policy* that are unrelated to skin and wound care.

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to providing quality care to LTC residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natalia Kusendova". The script is cursive and fluid.

Hon. Natalie Kusendova-Bashta
Minister of Long-Term Care

Enclosure:

- Skin and Wound Professional Growth Fund Funding Policy (January 2025)

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