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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Long-Term Care Home Licensees

**FROM:** Sheila Bristo  
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**RE:** **LTC Home Accommodation Rate  
Changes Effective January 1, 2021**

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This memo is further to the recent letter from the Honourable Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care who informed you about the co-payment increase deferral and funding of up to \$3.2 million to the Long-Term Care Sector to compensate for revenue losses related to the preferred accommodation premium during the deferral period.

The new rates that were scheduled to be applied on July 1, 2020 have now been deferred to January 1, 2021 to provide relief to families experiencing challenges due to COVID-19.

Consistent with prior years, an inflationary increase of 1.9% will be applied to the co-payment for basic and preferred accommodation in Long-Term Care (LTC) Homes. The basic co-payment rate will increase from \$62.18 per day to \$63.36 per day (or a total rate of \$1,927.20 per month). This change represents an increase of \$1.18 per day.

Residents who choose semi-private or private accommodation are charged an additional premium above the daily basic co-payment rate. The respective premiums for semi-private and private accommodation will also increase by 1.9% effective January 1, 2021. Please refer to the enclosed question and answers document for the applicable preferred accommodation rates for your home.

This inflationary increase is consistent with the evergreen co-payment policy implemented to enable predictable, consistent and transparent annual increases. It is based on the rate of prior year inflation as measured by the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Although this increase applies to all LTC home beds, those residents who apply for and receive a rate reduction are not affected because their co-payment amount is determined based on what they can afford.

The regulation requires that you provide a minimum of 30 days written notice of the co-payment rate increase to residents. However, considering the deferral of co-payment increases no proactive communication with residents is required at this time. If there are any questions from residents or families about the annual increase for July 1st, they may be advised that the annual increase has been deferred to January 1, 2020. The ministry will provide further advice in November 2020.

The ministry is providing compensation so that your home will not lose any revenue resulting from this deferral. The announced increases to the level of care funding, which incorporates revenue that would have been collected from the basic accommodation co-payment increases, will continue as planned. As noted, to compensate licensees for the loss of preferred accommodation premiums, the ministry will provide funding equal to 1.9% of the co-payment premium charged to residents for private and semi-private accommodation for the period of July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. 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 in respect to this funding pursuant to Schedule "A" of the DFA.

To determine the reimbursement funding amount, LTC homes will be required to provide a report on the total premium charged for the 6-month period ending December 31, 2020. The total premium refers to that portion of the accommodation fee in excess of the maximum rate for basic accommodation. Further details on the report will be provided by January 2021 and the related reimbursement will be provided as part of the regularly scheduled payment in March 2021.

Should you have any questions about co-payments, please contact the LTC Action Line, at 1-866-434-0144. If your question is pertaining to the reimbursement for preferred accommodation premium you may contact the ministry at [ltc.info@ontario.ca](mailto:ltc.info@ontario.ca).

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

Sincerely,



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**APPENDIX I****CHANGES IN ACCOMODATION RATES**

The following table provides the new rates that will apply as of January 1, 2021.

Type of Accommodation	New Daily Rate	New Monthly Rate
<b>Long-Stay Resident:</b>		
<b>Basic</b>	\$63.36	\$1,927.20
<b>Semi-Private</b>		
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2015.	\$76.38	\$2,323.23
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after September 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2015.	\$75.29	\$2,290.07
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2013, but prior to September 1, 2014.	\$74.21	\$2,257.22
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2012, but prior to July 1, 2013.	\$73.11	\$2,223.76
Residents occupying older beds, or residents admitted to newer beds prior to July 1, 2012.	\$72.04	\$2,191.22
<b>Private</b>		
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2015.	\$90.51	\$2,753.02
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after September 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2015.	\$88.61	\$2,695.22
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2013, but prior to September 1, 2014.	\$86.70	\$2,637.13
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2012, but prior to July 1, 2013.	\$84.80	\$2,579.34
Residents occupying older beds, or residents admitted to newer beds prior to July 1, 2012.	\$82.90	\$2,521.54
<b>Short-Stay Resident (Respite Bed)</b>	\$41.00	N/A

**NOTE:** "Newer beds" – beds classified as "NEW" or "A" according to ministry design standards  
"Older beds" – beds classified as "B", "C", "Upgraded D" or "D" according to ministry design standards