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MEMORANDUM TO: Long-Term Care Home Stakeholders

FROM: Sheila Bristo
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SUBJECT: Notification of public consultation period for proposed
amendments to cooling requirements in Ontario
Regulation 79/10 under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*

As you are aware, the Government committed to rapidly implement cooling solutions in all long-term care (LTC) homes across the province. In support of this commitment, the Ministry of Long-Term Care (Ministry) is considering regulatory amendments to enhance cooling requirements in LTC homes to help protect the safety and comfort of long-term care residents.

The Ministry is proposing to make the following amendments to cooling requirements in Ontario Regulation 79/10 under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*. The proposed amendments relate to:

- Clarification of requirements for the designated cooling areas to be equipped with air conditioning or equivalent mechanical cooling systems;
- Requirements for licensees to implement their hot weather-related illness prevention and management plan during specified periods;
- Clarification of requirements for the hot weather-related illness prevention and management plans; and
- Requirements for licensees to measure and document temperature, at specified intervals and areas of homes.

The proposed amendments are posted on the Regulatory Registry website at:
www.ontariocanada.com/registry.

Please note that the consultation period begins on February 11, 2021 and ends on March 13, 2021. Details as to how individuals or organizations can provide feedback to the Ministry on the proposed amendments are provided as part of the posting on the Regulatory Registry. All feedback received during the public consultation period will be reviewed and considered as part of the work to draft the proposed final amendments. Further communication will be provided by the Ministry should any proposed amendments be approved by the Lieutenant Governor.

We look forward to receiving your comments and feedback on the proposed regulatory amendments.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to enhance cooling requirements in long-term care homes to ensure the safety and well-being of residents and staff.

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