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Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensee,

Re: Long-Term Care Home Accommodation Rate Changes

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to improving the quality of long-term care in Ontario, particularly for attending to the safety and security of residents during COVID-19.

As previously announced, the Ministry of Long-Term Care has suspended the long-term care (LTC) home accommodation rate changes for the 2020-2021 rate cycle. The rate increase that was scheduled to be applied on January 1, 2021, will not take place so that we may provide ongoing relief to residents and families who may be experiencing financial challenges due to COVID-19. Rate increases are now scheduled to resume on July 1, 2021.

The ministry will also provide the long-term care home sector with up to an additional \$3.2 million to cover the portion of rate increases related to the preferred accommodation premium during the suspension period. The announced increases to the level-of-care funding, which incorporate revenue that would have been collected from the basic accommodation co-payment increases, will continue as planned.

Thank you for your continued service and commitment to delivering high-quality care to long-term care residents in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M Fullerton".

Dr. Merrilee Fullerton
Minister of Long-Term Care

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