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MEMORANDUM TO: Long-Term Care Home Licensees

FROM: Sheila Bristo
Assistant Deputy Minister
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SUBJECT: Extension of High Wage Transition Fund to March 31,
2021

On September 29, 2020 the Government of Ontario released the Ministry of Long-Term Care's [COVID-19: Long-term care preparedness](#) plan. This plan includes nearly \$540 million in investments for the long-term care sector to help enhance infection prevention and control, support long-term care home staffing, and manage COVID-19 related operating costs.

As part of these investments, the Honourable Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care announced \$2,804,100 to extend the end date of the High Wage Transition Fund from December 31, 2020, to March 31, 2021. This additional funding will ensure that gaps in long-term care home staffing can continue to be addressed during the COVID-19 pandemic, as we move forward with the implementation of our comprehensive long-term care home staffing plan.

We will continue to work with you to make the long-term care home sector more responsive to the needs of Ontarians by increasing access and reducing waitlists, while also maintaining resident safety and improving quality of care for our long-term care residents.

Thank you for your continued service and commitment to delivering high-quality care to long-term care homes residents across the province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheila Bristo".

Sheila Bristo
Assistant Deputy Minister
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