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Re: Temporary Pandemic Pay for Long-Term Care Frontline and Support Workers

Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensees:

I am pleased to announce to you that our government will be providing up to \$321,163,200 in funding for temporary Pandemic Pay to support frontline and support workers who are experiencing severe challenges in the workplace and are at heightened risk during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The temporary Pandemic Pay measures have been designed to provide additional support and relief to frontline and support workers, encourage staff to continue working and attract prospective new employees. This funding will also help maintain safe staffing levels and the operation of critical frontline services.

Janet Hope, the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Long-Term Care Policy Division, will write to you shortly concerning the terms and conditions governing this funding.

Since we first learned of COVID-19 as an emerging public health issue, our government has been actively working with the long-term care sector as well as our partners across the health system to implement enhanced measures to stop the spread of the virus. The health and well-being of Ontarians, including long-term care residents, staff and their families remain our focus.

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to improving the quality of long-term care in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M Fullerton".

Dr. Merrilee Fullerton
Minister of Long-Term Care

c: Mr. William Hatanaka, Board Chair, Ontario Health
Mr. Dan Kaniuk, Chair, Board of Directors, Ontario Long-Term Care Home Association
Ms. Jane Sinclair, Chair, Board of Directors, AdvantAge Ontario
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