



SENIORS FOR SOCIAL ACTION (ONTARIO)

ACTION ALERT!!!

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ONTARIO MINISTRY OF LONG-TERM CARE MAKES A WRONG TURN ON FUNDING SUPPORTS TO OLDER ADULTS NEEDING CARE AT HOME

The Ontario Ministry of Long-Term Care just pulled a fast one.

Today, just before the weekend, it issued a News Release saying that it was “investing” in its existing long-term care institutions to allow them to now offer “services” to community-dwelling older adults.

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1006417/ontario-expanding-access-to-community-long-term-care-services>

It appears to be expanding institution-based services rather than supporting true non-profit care in the community by funding PACE Wellness Hubs in non-profit assisted living buildings as it did in Kenora.

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1002387/ontario-building-new-seniors-housing-complex-in-kenora>

That is the wrong direction.

Please contact your MPP's and voice your strong objections at having to receive personal, nursing, and other types of "care" from long term care institutions - a system that has a less than exemplary track record of providing care to its own residents and where infection prevention and control protocols are, in many cases, still not being followed. Please insist that you want to receive care from true community-based non-profit organizations and an improved Home Care system in your own home or in non-profit assisted living residences with PACE Wellness Hubs built in.

SSAO is deeply concerned that the same problems we saw during the pandemic where thousands died in these facilities, could now be transmitted to the community as older adults are required to go to these institutions to receive “care and services”.

Please advise your MPP’s that this is not what the Government of Ontario should be funding or what Seniors for Social Action Ontario has long advocated, and that funding PACE Wellness Hubs in non-profit community residences like the one in Halton is the direction it should be going. <https://www.halton.ca/For-Residents/Roads-Construction/Construction-Projects/Housing-Projects>