



Ontario Health

To: All Team Members

From: Matthew Anderson, President and CEO, Ontario Health

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Re: Potential Transfers to Ontario Health

As part of our ongoing commitment to keep you informed of organizational transformation efforts, provided here is an update on the discussions underway with the Ministry of Health regarding the intent to transfer Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) non-patient care functions and Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) into Ontario Health.

As you may remember, the Ministry of Health previously announced the intention to transfer LHIN non-patient care functions into Ontario Health for April 1, 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the transfer was paused to maintain health system stability and to ensure our resources were focused on addressing the pandemic and on protecting the health and well-being of Ontarians. We are now resuming this work and while we do not yet have firm dates, we will be doing some preliminary planning for this to potentially move forward April 1, 2021.

We anticipate that LHIN patient care functions, including home and community care and long-term care placement coordination, will remain unchanged with a focused mandate and a new name, *Home and Community Care Support Services*, as was announced by the Minister in February. Team members in these functions will continue to be supported by the entire Ontario Health family and report into their Regional Lead through their VP to support the ongoing and focused delivery of frontline care as part of the regional COVID-19 response effort.

Patients and caregivers will also continue to access home and community care and long-term care home placement services in the same way and through the same contacts they have come to know and trust.

The Ministry of Health will provide more information in 2021 regarding the future operations of home and community care and long-term care placement. In the meantime, there remains a critical need to maintain the focus of LHIN staff on the local COVID-19 response. The longer term vision is to have home care and long-term care placement services embedded into Ontario Health Teams and this work will take place gradually as Ontario Health Teams mature.

In the meantime, planning will begin immediately with LHIN team members to help determine which non-patient care positions, contracts and assets should transition to Ontario Health and the best ways to ensure that stability and continuity of care is maintained.

We will also be working closely with our colleagues at Trillium Gift of Life Network, who are delivering and coordinating organ and tissue donation and transplantation services across the province, to ensure a smooth and thoughtful transition.

As well, our discussions continue with the CorHealth Ontario executive team and representatives from the Ministry of Health regarding CorHealth's potential transfer into our Ontario Health family at a later date.

I recognize that this may be an uncertain time for everyone involved. Please be assured that we are committed to open and ongoing communication. As always, we will remain vigilant in our commitment to enabling and providing high quality care to patients and continuing to support the provincial response to COVID-19.

Thank you for your patience throughout this process and for your unwavering dedication and commitment to health care and the people and communities we serve across Ontario.

Best regards,

Matthew Anderson