

December 16, 2021

MEMORANDUM TO: Ontario Health Chief Regional Officers
Ontario Hospital CEOs

FROM: Peter Kaftarian
Assistant Deputy Minister

RE: **Early Approval for FY2022-23 Hospital Bedded Capacity**

I am writing to communicate advanced approvals for the 2022-23 fiscal year on the following items submitted as part of the ministry's multi-year plan, in order to provide hospitals with greater funding and operational certainty.

At this time, the ministry can confirm 2022-23 supports related to:

Acute and Post Acute Bedded Capacity

Investments to ensure continuity of operations and resourcing for the COVID-19 acute and post-acute beds currently operating with previous ministry approvals. The current bedded capacity will be funded for the 2022-23 fiscal year. The ministry will be working with Ontario Health and hospitals in the coming weeks to confirm the currently funded beds in 2021-22 as well as any requested changes to bed allocations for the 2022-23 fiscal year before sending funding letters.

Critical Care Capacity

Investments to ensure continuity of operations and resourcing for the COVID-19 critical care beds currently operating with previous ministry approvals. This critical care capacity will be funded for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Further guidance will be communicated regarding COVID-19 related prevention and containment expenses ("COVID-19 Incremental Expense Process") as soon as possible.

We ask that this information should be treated as embargoed in terms of public-facing announcements and communications of any kind.

We thank you for your ongoing support in managing these highly confidential sector planning decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Kaftarian', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Kaftarian

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Mark Walton, Senior Vice President, COVID-19 Pandemic Response, Ontario Health

Tara L. Wilson, Director, Hospitals Branch, Ministry of Health

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