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MEMORANDUM TO: Ontario Hospitals and Long-Term Care Home Operators

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RE: **Hospital Expenses Incurred for Emergency COVID-19 Services Provided in Long-Term Care**

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the health and well-being of residents, staff and caregivers across the long-term care sector.

We would like to provide an update on the approach for hospital expenses incurred for emergency COVID-19 services provided in long-term care (LTC) homes. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the hospital and LTC home sectors have worked diligently to provide vital care and services to LTC residents. To this end, the government has allocated over \$2.5 billion dollars to date in various funding initiatives to support the LTC home sector. Support currently available through the Ministry of Long-Term Care for LTC homes includes funding to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19 and other allocations to enhance for infection prevention and control practices in the sector.

Effective April 27, 2022, incremental expenses incurred by hospitals related to providing emergency COVID-19 support to LTC home operators (e.g., redeployment of staff, etc.) are to be invoiced to the related operators for payment. The Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Long-Term Care will no longer provide reimbursement directly to hospitals for these expenses. Hospitals should ensure that LTC homes are aware of the cost of services to be provided and have agreed to pay for these services prior to incurring expenses.

Please be advised that the discontinued direct ministry reimbursement to hospitals only impacts the incremental expenses incurred by hospitals to provide emergency COVID-19 support in LTC homes, particularly the support that was enabled by amendments to emergency order Ontario Regulation 74/20 as referenced in the attached April 25, 2020 memo issued by the Deputy Minister of Health. The emergency order enabled hospitals to partner with LTC homes to temporarily provide hospital staffing resources to assist in stabilizing homes facing a COVID-19 outbreak. There is no impact to existing funding arrangements for initiatives that were in place before the COVID-19 pandemic, such as Mandatory Management Orders (MMO), Voluntary Management Contracts (VMC) and Nurse-led Outreach Teams (NLOTs).

The government continues to monitor the evolution of the pandemic and has been adapting the support provided accordingly. Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to protect the health and safety of Ontarians.

Sincerely,



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