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**MEMORANDUM TO**: Long-Term Care Licensees

**FROM:** Sean Court, Assistant Deputy Minister
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**RE:** Public consultations on proposed amendments to the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021*

I am pleased to provide you with information regarding a suite of proposed amendments to the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021* (FLTCA).

Yesterday, the *Protect Ontario Families and Communities Act, 2026* was introduced in the Ontario Legislature. If this Bill is passed and receives Royal Assent, it would amend the FLTCA by refining and enhancing the governing framework for the delivery of long-term care services in Ontario by:

- Strengthening access to long-term care placement and admissions data;
- Enhancing oversight of long-term care homes;
- Supporting sustainable medical care leadership in long-term care homes;
- Ensuring dementia care delivery; and
- Increasing management company accountability.

Schedule 6 to the Bill contains the proposed amendments to the FLTCA. If passed, proposed amendments would:

- Establish authority for the Director to request information about long-term care placement and admissions from the placement co-ordinator under the FLTCA and require the placement co-ordinator to comply. This change would support evidence-based local and system level planning and policy development by MLTC. **If passed, the amendment(s) would come into force upon the bill receiving Royal Assent.**
- Establish a 4-year limitation period to commence a prosecution, beginning on the date an investigator first becomes aware of evidence. This change would support timely investigation of potential offences while protecting resident care, safety and well-being. **If passed, the amendment(s) would come into force upon the bill receiving Royal Assent.**
- Re-name the “Medical Director” role in LTC homes to “Clinical Director” and enable Nurse Practitioners to fulfill the role (in addition to physicians). This change would increase flexibility for LTC homes to alleviate staffing pressures and ensure the provision of continuous, high-quality care for residents. **If passed, the**

**amendment(s) would come into force on a day to be named by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council.**

- Require all LTC homes to have an organized program of dementia care and services, similar to organized programs currently required under the FLTCA (e.g., nursing and personal support services; palliative care; dietary services and hydration). This change would improve consistent access to dementia care across LTC homes and enable MLTC to inspect LTC homes against requirements set out in regulation. **If passed, the amendment(s) would come into force on a day to be named by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council.**
- Require the Director under the FLTCA to consider market concentration when reviewing and approving management contracts and providing explicit authority for possible future regulations respecting management company financial responsibilities as part of management contract requirements. This change would ensure stronger accountability and oversight of management companies that is tied to quality of care and safety. **If passed, the amendment(s) would come into force upon the bill receiving Royal Assent.**

These proposed amendments are intended to support resident safety, improve quality of care, and strengthen oversight of LTC homes in the province.

The text of the proposed amendments to the FLTCA will be available on the Ontario Regulatory Registry from **November 16, 2026 to December 16, 2026**. You and your team are invited to review and submit feedback on the proposed amendments to the FLTCA.

Please note that regulatory changes associated with some of these proposed amendments to the FLTCA may be required and information on any such changes would be posted to the Regulatory Registry for public consultation at the appropriate time.

These measures are part of the government's plan to protect Ontario by strengthening child and family services and enhancing access to health and social supports across the province. Together, these actions will help ensure individuals, families, and communities can access the services and supports they need. For more information about this broader plan, please see the information released by the province:

- Ontario Introducing Legislation to Protect Children and Strengthen Family Services
- Backgrounder: Protect Ontario Families and Communities Act, 2026

On behalf of the province of Ontario, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your ongoing partnership, engagement and for working so closely with the ministry to help deliver improvements for Ontarians in long-term care. Your collaboration and partnership enable the advancement of our shared vision: that every resident experiences the best possible quality of life, supported by safe, high-quality care.

Sincerely,



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