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LHIN ENDORSEMENTS

"This is another positive step forward for Ontario's important leadership in health care reform. Proper health care reform must be integrated – not piecemeal – and the LHIN legislation is part of the kind of collaborative systems change and integration needed if patients are to feel the full benefits of reform."

-Roy Romanow, Former Royal Commissioner on the future of health care in Canada.

"The OHA strongly supports the government's health system transformation agenda. We will work with the government, LHINs and our partners across the health care system to ensure that this Made-In-Ontario model meets the needs of patients and their communities."

-Hilary Short, President and CEO of the Ontario Hospital Association

"LHINs are a step in the right direction, as they have the potential to provide communities with the ability to determine the urgency of local priorities and put patients at the centre of the health care system."

-Joan Lesmond, President of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario.

"This legislation will give local community health providers a real voice in the health care conversation that goes on in the province. This is a made-in Ontario solution that is great for patients."

-Carolyn Acker, Executive-Director, Regent Park Community Health Centre

"Community-based care reflects the needs of each community and is best planned, co-ordinated and funded in an integrated manner in that community. LHINs would engage their communities to involve Ontarians in a broad conversation and debate about their health care."

-David Naylor, President of the University of Toronto and former Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

"LHINs will bring clarity and focus to health care in communities across Ontario. It's about creating a system where clients and their families are truly at the centre."

-Shirlee Sharkey, President and CEO of Saint Elizabeth Health Care.

"This new system of health care is one that will be patient focused and results driven. Providing LHINs with the tools to plan and fund health care will encourage greater public confidence in health care in the province."

-Dr. Jack Kitts, President of the Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario (CAHO) and President and CEO of the Ottawa Hospital.

"Health care is an investment, not an expense, and Local Health Integration Networks will be better placed to make that investment. "Changing the system will preserve an economic advantage for our industries that contribute to prosperity in Ontario."

-Tony Fell, former Chair of the University Health Network Board of Directors, and current Chairman of RBC Capital Markets.

"Enterprises the world over, both private and public, are constantly changing and restructuring in order to survive. Ontario's \$33 billion health care system is no different, and the Ontario government is to be commended for recognizing that fact and acting on it."

-Elyse Allan, President and CEO, GE Canada

"The Local Health Integration Network legislation introduced today demonstrates the government's commitment to improving local health care services. The cancer care community will work with the LHINs and the government to ensure quality care is available to all people as close to home as possible."

-Terry Sullivan, President and CEO, Cancer Care Ontario.

"With the creation of LHINs, I am excited by the opportunity to share our integration successes and to learn from other partners. The result should lead to better patient care in Ontario and system-wide efficiency."

-Dr. Bob Bell, President and CEO of University Health Network.

"The implementation of the Family Health Teams and the 14 Local Health Integration Networks represents a significant opportunity for all health care providers, including pharmacists, to help integrate and coordinate health care delivery at a community level across Ontario."

-Marc Kealey, CEO, Ontario Pharmacists Association

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