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Stronger Hospitals, Better Care for Trillium Health Partners - Queensway Health Centre

*Major Funding Boost Will Reduce Wait Times, Address Capacity Issues and
Provide Better Care Closer to Home*

NEWS

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Ontario is investing an additional \$22.78M in Trillium Health Partners Hospitals. This is part of the province's commitment to invest an additional \$822 million investment in Ontario hospitals in 2018–19 — an increase of 4.6 per cent.

MPP Charles Sousa, along with MPP's Baker, Damerla, Delaney and Milczyn, were at the Queensway Health Centre to explain how this major increase in hospital funding will provide better access to care, reduce wait times, address capacity issues and better meet the needs of Mississauga and Etobicoke's changing population.

This overall increase of 4.6 per cent across the province is on top of the 3.2 per cent provided last year — allowing hospitals to invest with more precision in the care and supports that address the specific needs of their patients and community.

Patients and families across Ontario will also directly benefit from this increased funding with the expansion of essential services to reduce wait times and priority procedures such as cardiac care, critical care, chemotherapy, treatment for strokes, hip and knee replacements, and medical imaging.

Increasing funding to hospitals and access to high-quality health care across the province is part of the government's plan to support care, create opportunity and make life more affordable during this period of rapid economic change. The plan includes a higher minimum wage and better working conditions, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, easier access to affordable child care, and free prescription drugs for everyone under 25, and 65 or over, through the biggest expansion of Medicare in a generation.

QUOTES

“Our government is making an additional \$822 million investment in annual operating funding for hospitals across the province to improve care for patients. This increased support will go a long way to help enhance procedures and lower wait times at Mississauga Queensway Hospital. I am so proud of the extraordinary health care professionals who provide exceptional care for us every day in our community”
— Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance and M.P.P. for Mississauga South

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“Since becoming an MPP, I have advocated strongly to enhance the quality and affordability of health care in Etobicoke. The investments in Budget 2018 to build and expand hospitals like the Queensway Health Centre and to reduce wait times will improve the quality and affordability of health care not just for my constituents, but across the province.”

— Yvan Baker, M.P.P for Etobicoke Centre

“We are committed to making sure hospitals have the resources and supports they need to meet the needs of growing and aging communities. With this historic investment, publicly funded hospitals can increase capacity, decrease wait times and improve access to care for families across Ontario.”

— Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“The Mississauga Halton LHIN is home to one of the fastest growing seniors’ populations in the province, with an increasing number of people using hospital emergency departments and acute care services. It is crucial that health system partners come together to ensure that patients in hospital have access to timely care and essential services and procedures. This funding will help relieve capacity issues and help Trillium Health Partners deliver high quality care to people in our region.”

– Bill MacLeod, CEO, Mississauga Halton LHIN

QUICK FACTS

- Trillium Health Partners will receive \$22.78M in additional funding for 2018-19, which includes targeted and non – targeted funding.
- In February 2018, Ontario renewed its support to address increased need for hospital beds with a \$187 million investment in 2018–19 that further supports access to care and reduced wait times.
- Hospital operating funding in Ontario has increased by more than 65 per cent, from \$11.3 billion in 2003–04 to almost \$19 billion in 2018-19.
- The province invested an additional \$100 million in 2017–18 in home care supports and services.
- Ontario is creating 5,000 long-term care beds over the next four years and more than 30,000 over the next decade.

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- Ontario is launching a historic expansion of mental health and addiction services, with the biggest provincial investment in Canadian history — an increase of \$2.1 billion over four years.
- Starting in August 2019, Ontario plans to make prescription drugs free for seniors through OHIP+ for seniors 65 and over, building on the province's biggest expansion of medicare in a generation that has already made prescription medications free for everyone under the age of 25.

LEARN MORE

Speech from the Throne | <https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2018/03/a-time-for-care-and-opportunity.html>

Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care | http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/ms/ecfa/healthy_change/

OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare | <https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-about-ohip-plus>

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