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**DATE:** July 4, 2023

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Executives affiliated with Health Care Facilities,

Health Provider Groups, Ontario Health Teams and Other Health Organizations and Providers

**FROM:** Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of

Health

**RE:** "Your Health" Models of Care Innovation Fund

The Ministry of Health (the ministry) recognizes the importance of innovative approaches to address health challenges in Ontario. We also welcome and congratulate organizations for thinking creatively and outside the box to solve the challenges facing our healthcare system. As identified in <a href="Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care">Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care</a>, the ministry is pleased to announce the launch of the new Models of Care Innovation Fund.

Building on the success of 9-1-1 models of care that are providing Ontarians with better access to services, the Fund is now open for applications from individual hospitals, long-term care homes, home care providers, Ontario Health Teams, and other health organizations and providers that want to find innovative ways of maximizing the skills and expertise of their current health care workers.

Funding will be made available to eligible organizations whose proposals are approved by the ministry. In total, \$40M (\$20M in 2023/24 and \$20M in 2024/25) is available.

## The Innovation Fund will support:

- projects that will allow for the right care in the right place;
- projects that will allow faster access to care; and
- projects that will maximize the capacity and expertise of healthcare workers.

Further details and application materials are available on Ontario Health's website here: <a href="https://www.ontariohealth.ca/system-planning/funding-models-of-care">https://www.ontariohealth.ca/system-planning/funding-models-of-care</a>

The Ontario government is looking to enable forward-looking, collaborative, and responsive solutions to the healthcare needs of Ontarians no matter where they live in the province. Thank you for your continued dedication and support to deliver world-class care for everyone in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Jones

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