

NEW AGING AT HOME STRATEGY INITIATIVES FOR SENIORS IN SOUTH EAST LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK

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The South East Local Health Integration Network (SE LHIN) has recently received funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for a seniors' health service proposal under the Aging at Home Strategy – a four-year, \$1.1 billion initiative designed to help seniors live healthy, independent lives in the comfort and dignity of their own homes.

This first-year initiative will provide health care services for Ontario seniors and their caregivers. The proposals were submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care by each of the 14 LHINs after community consultations with diverse service providers.

AGING AT HOME STRATEGY APPROVED PROJECT FOR SOUTH EAST LHIN

Name of Project	Service Provider	Project Description	2008/2009 FUNDING
SMILE (Seniors Managing Independent Living Easily)	Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Canada – Ontario	The SMILE program will make it possible for more seniors who are frail and elderly, most at risk of premature institutionalization, to receive help with these activities and others that are essential to daily living, so they can remain in their homes. Because dignity is a matter of choice, SMILE will offer them options including managing their care, selecting services, choosing who comes into their home and when. The assistance of a care coordinator is also an option. Services include: meals; routine housekeeping; shopping; laundry; running errands; transportation to/from health care appointments; seasonal outdoor chores.	\$2,211,479

TOTAL

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