

HOSPITAL FUNDING BOOST FOR SOUTH EAST LHIN HOSPITALS

Reducing Wait Times and Improving Access to Quality Health Care for all Ontarians

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BELLEVILLE – New beds, more surgeries, and lower wait times are being targeted with a \$25.6 million boost for South East Local Health Integration Network hospitals – a 4.5 per cent increase over last year.

Overall, Ontario is investing \$667.2 million in additional operating funds to hospitals this year, or 4.9 per cent over last year. This investment includes increases in base funding to all hospitals as well as \$295 million in targeted funding to help Ontario hospitals deliver shorter wait times and improved access to quality family health care for all.

“We are working with our partners in government and local hospitals to ensure that we have the proper resources in place to meet the health care needs of our communities,” said Georgina Thompson, Chair. “Ontario’s Local Health Integration Networks have worked very closely with the province’s hospitals to plan the delivery of hospital services. We are confident the hospital system is well placed to provide effective and timely health care.”

“This is all about strengthening one of the cornerstones of our health care system,” said George Smitherman, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. “We will continue to work with our hospital partners and Local Health Integration Networks to ensure that the health care needs of Ontarians are met.”

QUICK FACTS

- South East LHIN is allocating \$594.9 million in hospital funding this fiscal year.
- Hospital funding in Ontario has increased from \$10.9 billion in 2003-04 to \$14.4 billion in 2008-09, an overall 31.3 per cent increase.
- South East LHIN has seven hospital corporations.

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