

## Health Care Transformation Benefiting All Ontarians

*McGuinty Government's Action Plan for Health Care Delivering Better Care and Value*

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One year after its launch, Ontarians are seeing results from the [Action Plan for Health Care](#).

Ontario has delivered on many commitments laid out in the Action Plan, many of which are already benefiting Ontario patients and their families, including:

- **[Specialized clinics](#)**: Funding two new midwife-led birth centres and expanding non-profit community clinics for select procedures, starting with vision care.
- **[New Physicians' Services Agreement](#)**: Negotiated new two-year physicians' services agreement which includes support for e-consults between patients, doctors and specialists. The agreement represents a cumulative net savings over two years of approximately \$295 million in physician services savings and \$100 million in broader health system savings.
- **[Community-based coordinated care](#)**: 19 early adopter Health Links are bringing together health care providers to co-ordinate care for seniors and high-need patients.
- **[Seniors Strategy](#)**: Implementing recommendations in Dr. Samir Sinha's report to improve care for older Ontarians, such as new supports for long-term care homes and matching every senior who wants one with a primary care provider.
- **[Home care for 90,000 more seniors](#)**: Funding three million more personal support worker hours over the next three years to assist with daily activities and help seniors stay healthy at home.
- **[More house calls](#)**: 30,000 more house calls by primary care providers.
- **[Hospital funding reform](#)**: Modernizing funding in more than 100 hospitals to reflect population growth, clinical needs and ensure quality procedures.
- **[Expanded services from pharmacists](#)**: Pharmacists are now able to administer the flu shot, renew and adapt existing prescriptions and provide drugs to help patients quit smoking.
- **[Integrated cancer screening](#)**: Programs for cervical, breast and colorectal cancer are reminding Ontarians to get screened regularly.

The [Action Plan](#) sets out the next steps for transforming the province's health care system, while ensuring Ontarians get better value for their health dollars. To achieve these goals, Ontario's strategy is making health care options available closer to home, enhancing in-home supports for seniors and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Ensuring that future generations continue to enjoy the benefits of sustainable, high-quality public health care is a key part of the McGuinty government's commitment to making Ontario the healthiest place in North America to grow up and grow old.

### QUOTES

"Through our [Action Plan for Health Care](#), we have made incredible strides in one short year. I hear

from Ontarians every day who are already benefiting from our progress — from increased care in the community for seniors, to easier access to the flu shot for busy families. The steps we're taking will ensure future generations have world-class health care when they need it.”  
— Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

#### **QUICK FACTS**

- There are 4,000 more doctors practising in Ontario today than nine years ago.
- 200 Family Health Teams now serve nearly three million Ontarians and continue to grow.
- Since 2005, Ontario has had the lowest surgical wait times in Canada.
- More than 9,800 community-based health care workers are implementing electronic medical records, making health-care delivery more efficient and seamless for nine million Ontarians.

#### **LEARN MORE**

Read the [Action Plan for Health Care One Year Progress Report](#).

Read the full [Action Plan for Health Care](#).

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