

# Ontario Improving Access to Care in Peel Region

*Province Increasing Investment in Hospitals to Support Patients and Families*

## NEWS

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Ontario is improving access to care in the Peel Region, helping to reduce wait times and increasing access to key services for patients and families.

Hon. Charles Sousa, MPP for Mississauga South was at the Trillium Health Partners - Mississauga Hospital to highlight the new investment. Trillium Health Partners is receiving an additional \$10 million this year to improve access to care and reduce the length of hospital stays for patients and families in the Peel region.

The recently released [2016 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review](#) announced an additional \$140 million in funding for hospitals. This new funding is in addition to the \$345 million increase announced in the [2016 Ontario Budget](#). These new investments from the province ensure that this year, all public hospitals in Ontario receive a minimum two per cent increase to their base funding. Additional funding has been provided to hospitals to support population growth and changing health care needs in their communities.

Improving access to hospital services is part of the government's plan to build a better Ontario through its Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care, which provides patients: with faster access to the right care; better home and community care; the information they need to live healthily; and a health care system that is sustainable for generations to come.

## QUOTES

"A healthy community is vital to Ontario's economy. That's why our government is providing additional funding to every single public hospital across the province to improve our world-renowned health care system. This funding will mean local hospitals can deliver better access to health care when patients and their families need it, as close to home as possible."

— Hon. Charles Sousa, MPP for Mississauga South

"In recent years, hospitals have become more efficient while improving patient care, even as they face increased demand for services. Through this additional investment, our government is committed to ensuring hospitals maintain a high level of care to address the increased health care needs of a growing and aging population."

— Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"On behalf of the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), I would like to thank the Government of Ontario for supporting hospitals with this needed investment as they work to provide care to patients under challenging circumstances. The resources made available, thanks to today's announcement, will help ensure continued access to high quality health services in communities across Ontario."

— Anthony Dale, President and CEO, Ontario Hospital Association

"Today's announcement recognizes the unprecedented demand for service we are facing as our community continues to grow and age. Trillium Health Partners is focused every day on delivering high quality, safe patient care that meets the needs of our community. We will

continue to work in partnership with the government to address our growing community and ensure every patient receives the care they deserve.”

- Michelle DiEmanuele, President and CEO, Trillium Health Partners

## **QUICK FACTS**

- Ontario is investing an additional \$140 million in public hospitals across the province to ensure that they continue to meet the growing needs of their local communities. This new funding builds on an increase of more than \$345 million for Ontario’s hospitals as part of the 2016 Budget.
- There are 147 public hospitals in Ontario.
- Hospital funding in Ontario has increased more than 2 per cent, from \$17 billion in 2013-14 to \$17.4 billion in 2016-17.
- This year’s \$51.8 billion health care budget is a 2.1 per cent increase over last year – greater than the rate of inflation.

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