

Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement (L-SAA) External Communiqué #6

INTRODUCTION

This communiqué is the sixth in a series distributed to Ontario long-term care (LTC) homes regarding the development of the long-term care home service accountability agreement (L-SAA). The LTC Home Sector Consultation Team met on March 31st, 2010. This communiqué summarizes key messages and actions resulting from that meeting.

LONG-TERM CARE HOME ACT (LTCHA) UPDATE

The date of proclamation for the *Long-Term Care Home Act* (2007) was announced by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care – July 1st, 2010. A letter will be sent from the Ministry to all LTC homes advising that the current service agreements between the LTC home operators and the LHINs will be extended until June 30th, 2010.

In compliance with the legislation, a letter was sent by the LHINs to LTC homes the week of Feb 12th, 2010 providing notice that L-SAA negotiations will be occurring. Once the L-SAA template has been finalized and LHIN Board approved, LHINs will commence the negotiation process with their homes.

As the L-SAA has been developed within the context of the LTCHA, the start date for the L-SAA will align with the date of proclamation of the LTCHA. Accordingly, **L-SAAs must all be signed and in place by June 30th, 2010, as they take effect on July 1st, 2010.**

LONG-TERM CARE HOME ACCOUNTABILITY PLANNING SUBMISSIONS (LAPS)

All LAPS have now been received by the LHINs. In preparation for the completion of the L-SAAs, an overall refresh of the LAPS information was considered by the L-SAA Steering Committee. It was decided that the L-SAA schedules will be completed based upon the current LAPS information and that a full refresh will not be conducted. LHINs will work collaboratively with their LTC homes to ensure that the information in the service plan narrative and description of services form is accurate and complete.

DRAFT L-SAA TEMPLATE FEEDBACK

The draft L-SAA (v 8.4) and draft Schedules (v 8.4) were shared with the Sector Consultation Team on Wednesday, March 31st. Verbal feedback was received from the Ontario Long-Term Care Association (OLTCA), Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS), Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and City of Toronto. The feedback received from the sector Associations on the template agreement and schedules was to be discussed at the L-SAA Steering Committee meeting on April 7, 2010. An updated Frequently Asked Questions document will be coming out soon.

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COMMUNICATIONS

The fifth external communiqué was circulated to LTC home Associations as well as individual homes on February 12th, 2010. An L-SAA Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document was released to the sector Associations on March 29th, 2010 and LHINs on March 30th, 2010.

NEXT STEPS

The next meeting of the L-SAA LTC Home Sector Consultation Team will be held April 16, 2010.

The next meeting of the L-SAA Steering Committee will be held on April 21, 2010.

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