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CHATHAM-KENT RESIDENTS SEEING RESULTS FROM GOVERNMENT FUNDING

New Health Care Funding Leading To An Increase In Community Services

CHATHAM – Recent funding from the McGuinty government for increased services at the Chatham-Kent Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) is leading to better health care for local residents, Health and Long-Term Care Minister George Smitherman announced today.

“We’re on the side of Ontarians who want the best health care,” said Smitherman. “CCACs are a very important part of our health care system since they are the gateways to homecare and community services. The funding we’ve provided is leading to better access to care for people in this area.”

Last May, the government provided an additional \$749,900 to the Chatham Kent CCAC to strengthen home and care, end-of-life care as part of a \$117.8 million provincial announcement that also included community services.

“We’re encouraged by the progress and dedication displayed by the Chatham Kent CCAC,” said Chatham-Kent-Essex MPP Pat Hoy. “We’re working to provide every Ontarian with the best possible health care as close to home as possible.”

This is just the latest example of the McGuinty government’s commitment to quality community-based services. Other initiatives include:

- Providing \$75 million over three years to create an additional 22 Community Health Centres and 17 satellites to improve access to the full range of primary care services, including health promotion and disease prevention
- Investing \$68.5 million to improve access to community-based mental health services for 22,910 more Ontarians this year
- Creating 150 Family Health Teams, which will improve access to primary care for more than 2.5 million Ontarians in 112 communities

This initiative is part of the McGuinty government’s plan for innovation in public health care, building a system that delivers on three priorities - keeping Ontarians healthy, reducing wait times and providing better access to doctors and nurses.

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