

Helping More Seniors in North East Get Care They Need at Home

Ontario Improving Access to Home and Community Care

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Seniors and people living in Northeastern Ontario are receiving better access to home care and community supports to help them live independently and at home longer.

Ontario is providing more than \$13 million to support home care for more seniors at home and in community, including enhanced transportation services, mental health supports, meals on wheels, assisted living, and more.

This investment will also support programs that reduce unnecessary emergency room and hospital readmissions, including:

- Enhancing the North East CCAC's provision of home care and reducing wait times for personal support services – helping Northerners across the region return home from hospital with the support they need.
- Investing in PATH (Priority Assistance Home) programs in **Espanola, Parry Sound, North Bay, and Sudbury** to help high risk seniors transition home from hospital accompanied by a care worker to make sure they have food, medications and supports services in place.
- Assisted Living for 47 high risk seniors in **Wawa, the North Shore, and Sudbury**.
- Creating a Centralized Intake to help people living in **Algoma** access mental health and addiction services.
- Establishing an adult day program in **Verner** (West Nipissing).
- Creating culturally appropriate Personal Support Worker training for people, many of them Aboriginal/First Nations living in the James Bay Coastal community of **Fort Albany**.
- Establishing a Mental Health and Addiction Crisis Centre and Mobile Crisis Team in **North Bay**.
- Expanding supportive housing programs in **Timmins** and **North Bay** for people with complex addictions who may have a concurrent substance use disorder.
- Expanding aging at home services to improve access to transportation, congregate dining, social activities, and visiting safety checks for seniors in the **Kapuskasing, Smooth Rock Falls and Hearst**.
- Providing transportation to medical appointments and community services for an additional 330 clients on **Manitoulin Island**.

See attached backgrounder for a comprehensive list of investments.

Improving access to home care and community supports is a key priority of [Ontario's Action Plan for Health Care](#) and helps to provide the right care, at the right time, in the right place. This is part of the Ontario government's economic plan to invest in people, invest in infrastructure and support a dynamic and innovative business climate.

QUOTES

“We are investing our health care dollars in services that help residents get the care they need at the right time, in the right place. This means better access to quality and timely care for patients, and especially our seniors.”

— Rick Bartolucci, MPP, Sudbury

“Providing seniors with more timely access to health care in their homes and communities ensures our health care system works better for everyone, improving access for all who need care, where they need it.”

— Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“Our provincial investment in a community-focused program provided by Canadian Mental Health Association Sault Ste. Marie will help enhance the accessibility of mental health and addiction services for Sault Ste. Marie and area residents.”

— David Oraziotti, MPP, Sault Ste. Marie

“Listening to Northerners and being responsive to their care needs is critical to helping seniors live independently in their communities and in their homes.”

— Louise Paquette, CEO, North East LHIN

QUICK FACTS

- The North East LHIN is responsible for planning, integrating, coordinating and providing funding to 150 health service providers in Northeastern Ontario. It oversees \$1.5-billion in local health care investments on behalf of the 555,000 residents of Northeastern Ontario
- Over the next 20 years, the population of seniors aged 65 and over in the North East will increase from today’s 19% to more than 30%.
- More than 1,100 seniors in the North East are currently receiving assisted living services – providing both scheduled and unscheduled around the clock help.

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[Ontario’s Action Plan for Health Care.](#)

[Ontario’s Action Plan for Seniors.](#)

Dr. Samir Sinha’s report [Living Longer, Living Well.](#)

Read about the investments in the North East LHIN backgrounder on the following page.

Helping More Seniors in the North East LHIN Get Care in the Community

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Ontario is providing an additional \$13.39 million to support home care and community services in the North East LHIN region. These investments are a key part of the province's [Action Plan for Health Care](#), which is providing patients with the right care, at the right time, in the right place.

This additional support will help more seniors to live independently at home and will reduce home care wait times, as well as increase access to community supports including mental health services.

More Support for Seniors in the North East LHIN Region

Community/ Communities	Service Provider	Project Description	2013/2014 Funding
Sudbury	ICAN (Independence Centre and Network)	Enhance Walden Assisted Living for up to 16 high risk seniors to live independently and age in place.	\$180,000
Sudbury	ICAN	For 8 places in "Virtual Assisted Living" that follow the client being discharged from hospital to home. When the person no longer requires the service, the funding is returned to serve the next person being discharged from hospital.	\$150,000
Sudbury	Sudbury CHC	One full-time RN to provide additional Primary care services at the Corner Clinic in Sudbury for homeless clients and those living in poverty, and a half-time community health worker to develop health promotion programming.	\$50,000
Sudbury	ICAN	Expansion of Enhanced Congregate Care Unit program beds from 3 to 7. Beds are for individuals in ALC whose needs are higher than Assisted Living but lower than long-term care.	\$80,000
Sudbury	Meals on Wheels	To provide approximately 11,000 additional meals per year which helps keep seniors in the community.	\$90,000
Espanola/Parry Sound/Sudbury	VON/Red Cross/Friends	PATH (Priority Assistance to Transition Home) program support for high risk seniors by transitioning them home from hospital with a PSW to ensure they have medication, food, etc.	\$410,000
Sudbury	ICAN	Post-Stroke Transitional Care partnership program of ICAN and HSN has a Stroke Community Navigator help clients make connections to stroke-based services.	\$180,000
Sudbury	NE CCAC	For Maison Vale Hospice to support the Hospice Palliative Care Community Shared-Care Team.	\$415,000

Sudbury	IRIS	To integrate three community addiction providers (Iris Addiction, Rockhaven, Salvation Army) to better serve clients.	\$67,600
Sudbury	CMHA Sudbury	For NISA (Northern Initiative for Social Action) to double client service hours to 16,800, increase daily client participation by 15 to 60, and expand from 12 to 15 programs.	\$150,000
Sudbury	CMHA Sudbury/HSN	Additional staffing to support the demand for the Mobile Crisis Project – Sudbury.	\$296,500
Mindemoya	Manitoulin Family Resources	Manitoulin Family Resources (Haven House) - Cultural safety and service coordination.	\$28,500
Little Current	Noojmowin Teg Health Centre	Expansion of transportation to medical appointments and community services by an additional 128 trips per year (330 clients).	\$50,150
Sudbury	Rockhaven	Expansion of access by men to the addiction services women have in Sudbury – Four more residential treatment beds for an additional 1,460 days of services to 24 men, and five aftercare beds for men for an additional 1,825 days to 12 men.	\$100,000
Sault Ste. Marie (SSM)	CMHA SSM	Centralized intake to help people in Algoma region access mental health and addictions services.	\$85,900
North Shore First Nation communities of Whitefish Lake, Sagamok, Serpent River, Mississauga, Thessalon, Garden River, Batchewana	North Shore Tribal Council	Assisted Living for 10 high risk seniors. This will allow the First Nation elders to remain in their homes and communities and out of hospital, ER and LTC. Will also allow additional clients to be served under CSS program, keeping more elders in community.	\$154,700
Wawa	Red Cross	Mobile assisted Living services for nine high risk seniors to remain in their homes.	\$75,000
Kapuskasing/Smooth Rock Falls/Hearst	CHC Kapuskasing	Expansion of the Aging at Home services to improve access to transportation, congregate dining, social activities, and visiting safety checks for seniors in the Kapuskasing, Smooth Rock Falls and Hearst areas.	131,569
Timmins and North Bay	South Cochrane Addiction Services (SCAS) & North Bay Recovery Home(NBRH)	Expansion of supportive housing program in Timmins and North Bay focusing on people with complex addictions who may have a concurrent substance use disorder.	\$35,000
North Bay	North Bay Recovery Home	To expand After Care Program access to an additional 35 clients with addictions for counselling and education.	\$35,000
Sturgeon Falls/Verner	West Nipissing CHC	To provide Adult Day Program in Verner for at-risk seniors.	\$61,250

Temagami	Temagami FN	To expand access to assessments for community support services in this First Nation.	\$12,500
North Bay	Red Cross	To start the PATH program in the Nipissing District to benefit the safe discharge of seniors from hospital acute care or ER back to their home.	\$90,000
Powassan	Eastholme	To operate a handicap vehicle to take seniors and other eligible persons to medical and other appointments.	\$45,800
North Bay	Community Counselling Centre of Nipissing	Support the Northeastern Ontario Postpartum Mood Disorder Strategy to continue providing postpartum assistance.	\$34,151
North Bay	North Bay Regional Health Centre (NBRHC)	Establish Mental Health and Addiction Urgent Crisis Centre to reduce repeat visits to ED and provide urgent care for those with mental health and addictions.	\$50,000
North Bay	NBRHC	Establish a Mobile Crisis Team structured like the successful Mobile Crisis Team in Sudbury.	\$152,100
Temiskaming Shores	Pavilion Family Resource Centre	To increase access to sexual assault counselling and prevention services for women in the Temiskaming District, with a focus on outreach to First Nation communities.	\$27,700
North Bay	Near North Palliative Care	To expand Hospice Volunteer Visiting programs.	\$10,000
James Bay/Hudson Bay	Red Cross	Culturally appropriate PSW training to increase the number of qualified PSWs in the coastal communities, as part of the Elders Care initiative led by Dr. Samir Sinha.	\$90,000
Regional	NE CCAC	To enhance the provision of direct home care services and reduce the wait times for personal support services for persons with complex needs. CCAC services will continue to focus on the delivery of care in the most appropriate setting with an emphasis on reducing the ALC pressures on local hospitals across the region.	\$9,400,000
Regional	NBRHC-BSO	NE Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO) project to support older adults with responsive behaviours across NE Ontario.	\$655,380
TOTAL			\$13,393,800