

Preamble, Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007

The people of Ontario and their Government:

Believe in resident-centred care;

Remain committed to the health and well-being of Ontarians living in long-term care homes now and in the future;

Strongly support collaboration and mutual respect amongst residents, their families and friends, long-term care home providers, service providers, caregivers, volunteers, the community and governments to ensure that the care and services provided meet the needs of the resident and the safety needs of all residents;

Recognize the principle of access to long-term care homes that is based on assessed need;

Firmly believe in public accountability and transparency to demonstrate that long-term care homes are governed and operated in a way that reflects the interest of the public, and promotes effective and efficient delivery of high-quality services to all residents;

Firmly believe in clear and consistent standards of care and services, supported by a strong compliance, inspection and enforcement system;

Recognize the responsibility to take action where standards or requirements under this Act are not being met, or where the care, safety, security and rights of residents might be compromised;

Affirm our commitment to preserving and promoting quality accommodation that provides a safe, comfortable, home-like environment and supports a high quality of life for all residents of long-term care homes;

Recognize that long-term care services must respect diversity in communities;

Respect the requirements of the French Language Services Act in serving Ontario's Francophone community;

Recognize the importance of fostering the delivery of care and services to residents in an environment that supports continuous quality improvement;

Are committed to the promotion of the delivery of long-term care home services by not-for-profit organizations.