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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief Executive Officers of Ontario Public Hospitals

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RE: **Transfer of Hospital Patients to Retirement Homes**

In follow up to the April 16th memo to hospitals asking for the temporary pause of discharging patients to long-term care homes and retirement homes, hospitals may resume discharging patients to retirement homes.

These transfers should only occur if the receiving home is not in a COVID-19 outbreak, the patient has been tested for COVID-19 at the point of discharge and is determined to have a negative result, the patient being transferred must complete 14-days of self-isolation upon arriving at the home and the home has a plan to ensure this occurs.

Thank you for your understanding and for your extraordinary efforts.

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Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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