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NORTH WEST LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK

Nursing (Patient Lifts)

The McGuinty government is improving the quality of care for patients by investing \$29 million to purchase mechanical patient lift equipment in hospitals and long-term care homes throughout the province.

The priority for this funding is for ceiling/wall mounted lifts. This equipment will not only improve patient safety by reducing their chance of injury while being moved, but it will also reduce the risk of injury to healthcare workers. Creating healthy work environments is important to the recruitment and retention of health care workers.

The ministry is currently negotiating a bulk purchasing agreement for the mechanical patient lifts to obtain the most lifts for the best price. Cost savings from this process will go towards the purchase of additional lifts.

Laboratory Equipment in Hospitals

The McGuinty government is improving the service quality and efficiency of laboratories in hospitals by investing \$18.9 million to purchase laboratory equipment and \$2 million for regional forensic autopsy suite equipment in hospitals throughout the province.

Included in the approved list of equipment are specific types of blood and chemistry analyzers, microscopes and autopsy equipment. The implementation of new equipment and technology will support Ontario's medical laboratory system with the capacity to meet increasing service demands, while improving service quality and efficiency.

Land Ambulance

The McGuinty government is improving existing land ambulances and equipment by investing \$12 million to replace and upgrade existing equipment throughout the province.

Approved equipment includes ambulances, Emergency Response Vehicles, defibrillators, stretchers, ventilators and selected trauma equipment. Many vehicles and items essential to patient care have, or are quickly reaching the end of their useful lives and require replacement. Ensuring the equipment used by land ambulance services in Ontario is updated and replaced benefits all Ontario residents.

Long-Term Care Homes

The McGuinty government is improving the quality of care for long-term care residents by investing \$7.2 million throughout the province.

Equipment approved for purchase include various diagnostic, security and safety devices along with specialized equipment used in the treatment of wound therapy, pain management and skin protection. This equipment will improve resident care and safety as well as reduce time required to receive care.

Community Health Centres

The McGuinty government is improving patient care by investing \$1 million in diagnostic and medical equipment in community health centres throughout the province.

Funded equipment includes examination tables, electrocardiograms, defibrillators and ultrasound machines. This investment will improve patient access and care by upgrading and enhancing existing medical diagnosis and treatment equipment.

Aboriginal Health Access Centres

The McGuinty government is improving patient care by investing \$200,000 to upgrade diagnostic and medical equipment in Aboriginal Health Access Centres throughout the province.

Diagnostic equipment will include paediatric examination tables, vaccine thermometers, automatic tympanometer, pulse oximeter, and defibrillators. This will improve patient care to the aboriginal community.

HOSPITAL	CATEGORY			
	Nursing (Critical Care Bed Lifts)	Nursing (Ceiling Bed Lifts)	Lab Services (General) (\$)	Lab Services (Forensic Autopsy) (\$)
Geraldton District Hospital	-	9	-	-
St. Joseph's Care Group	-	7	-	-
Lake of the Woods District Hospital	4	-	-	49,000
Nipigon District Memorial Hospital	-	1	-	-
The McCausland Hospital	-	1	-	-
Manitouwadge General Hospital	-	1	-	-
TOTAL	4	19	\$0	\$49,000

CATEGORY

LONG-TERM CARE HOME	General DME (Diagnostic, Safety Equipment, etc.) (\$)	Nursing (Bed Lifts)
<i>Kenora</i>		
Central Care Corporation	9,250	31
The Board of Management of the District of Kenora Home for the Aged	20,523	11
<i>Rainy River</i>		
Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc.	13,971	-
<i>Thunder Bay</i>		
Central Care Corporation	15,127	-
Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay (Dawson Court Home for the Aged)	14,453	7
St. Joseph's Care Group	19,849	3
The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay (Pioneer Ridge Home for the Aged)	14,453	20
The Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay (Grandview Lodge Home for the Aged)	14,453	
Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (Interim Beds)	5,781	-
Versa Care Limited (Pinewood Court)	7,323	27
Versa-Care Limited	15,513	-
TOTAL	150,695	99

MUNICIPALITY	LAND AMBULANCE FUNDING (\$)
Kenora DSSAB	253,204
Rainy River	125,764
Thunder Bay	392,053
TOTAL	\$771,021

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE	FUNDING (\$)
Mary Berglund Community Health Centre	2,675
NorWest Community Health Centres	5,910
TOTAL	\$8,585

ABORIGINAL HEALTH CENTRE	FUNDING (\$)
Gizhewaadiziwin Access Centre (Fort Frances)	20,000
Wassay-Gezhig Na-Nahn-Dah-We-Igamig Health Access Centre (Kenora)	20,000
Anishnawbe Mushkiki Thunder Bay Community Health Centre (Thunder Bay)	20,000
TOTAL	\$60,000

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