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MCGUINTY GOVERNMENT APPROVES NEW MRI MACHINE IN BELLEVILLE

New Equipment At Quinte Health Care Belleville General Will Increase Access To Quality Care

BELLEVILLE – The approval of a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine at Quinte Health Care Belleville General will give Belleville-area residents increased access to better health care, Health and Long-Term Care Minister George Smitherman announced today.

“A new MRI machine will make a significant difference for local residents who need faster diagnosis for a variety of needs,” said Smitherman. “By making newer technology available at Quinte Health Care Belleville General, our government is helping patients access important health care services closer to home.”

With the addition of a new MRI machine, the ministry estimates that Quinte Health Care Belleville General will be able to provide 4,160 MRI scans annually to its patients.

“A new MRI will go a long way to address patient needs in Belleville and the surrounding area,” said Prince Edward-Hastings MPP Ernie Parsons. “We are providing local residents with faster access to better health services to keep them healthier, longer.”

“This is welcome news for our community,” said Agriculture Minister Leona Dombrowsky and MPP for Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox-Addington. “I know this new state-of-the-art equipment will help patients in this community get the quality health care they need in a more timely way.”

Today's 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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