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LONG-TERM CARE HOME RENEWAL STRATEGY

The McGuinty government will be redeveloping 35,000 long-term care beds over the next 10 years through its Long-Term Care Home Renewal Strategy.

Beginning in 2008, the government plans to begin redeveloping about 3,500 beds annually over the next 10 years. The province's 14 Local Health Integration Networks together with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will be prioritizing which projects go forward for renewal each year.

The redeveloped long-term care homes will allow for the provision of quality resident care in an environment that is comfortable and home-like. The new homes will be able to support well-coordinated, interdisciplinary care for residents who have diverse physical, psychological, social and cultural needs.

The renewal strategy will address the differences between older and newer long-term care homes so more residents can access quality services and home features. The strategy will result in:

- Ensuring not-for-profit homes continue to play an important role now and in the years ahead in delivery of long-term care services;
- Equitable distribution of up-to-date long-term care beds across the province;
- More residents getting access to the services that most meet their needs;
- Making more affordable and higher quality 'basic accommodations' available for seniors who cannot afford private rooms;
- Attracting new capital investment to Ontario's long-term care homes.

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