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DATE: May 31, 2007 (**Amended**)

MEMORANDUM TO: Long-Term Care Home Operators
Long-Term Care Administrators

FROM: Tim Burns
Director, Long-Term Care Homes Branch

RE: **2007/2008 Accommodation Co-Payment Rates**

I am writing to you in regard to the 2007/08 co-payment rates. Resident co-payment rates increase annually by the annual increase in inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for the preceding year. For 2007/08, co-payment rates will increase by 2%, the CPI increase in 2006.

Accordingly, effective July 1, 2007, the LTC Home basic daily maximum resident co-payment rate will increase from the current rate of \$49.76 to \$50.76, an increase of \$1.00. The table below shows the revised co-payment rates effective July 1, 2007.

Type of Accommodation	Daily	Monthly
Long-Stay:		
Basic	\$50.76	1,543.95
Semi-Private (basic rate plus a maximum of \$8.00)	\$58.76	1,787.29
Private (basic rate plus a maximum of \$18.00)	\$68.76	2,091.45
Short-Stay	\$33.02	1,004.36

Please note, you are required by regulation to provide a minimum of 30 days written notice of the co-payment rate increase to residents. A bulletin advising residents of the rate change has been enclosed with this memo for this purpose. Please ensure that this bulletin is provided to all residents and is placed in areas accessible to residents before June 1, 2007.

Rate Reduction and Exceptional Circumstance Forms

The expiration date for LTC rate reduction and exceptional circumstance forms is June 30, 2007. This change aligns with the July 1, 2007 co-payment rate change.

The following changes will be incorporated into the 2007/08 Rate Reduction and Exceptional Circumstance forms:

1. Comfort Allowance Increase: Effective November 1, 2007, the comfort allowance will increase from the current rate of \$119/month to \$122/month. The updated forms will incorporate this change.
2. Guaranteed Income Subsidy (GIS): The rate reduction and exceptional circumstance forms have been amended to allow residents to retain the applicable 2006 and 2007 Federal GIS increases.

Please note that new residents will be required to complete current rate reduction and exceptional circumstance forms upon admission, and again on July 1, 2007 when the rates and forms change. Revised forms will be available on-line shortly at http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/forms/form_menus/ltc_fm.html

Accommodation Funding

The ministry is pleased to announce that funding in the Raw Food and Other Accommodation envelopes will increase by a total of \$0.85 per day effective July 1, 2007. The current and new funding per diem rates will be as follows:

Envelope	Current Per Diem	Amount of Increase	New per diem effective July 1, 2007
Nursing and Personal Care (based on a CMI of 100)	\$ 73.69	-	\$ 73.69
Program and Support Services	\$ 7.12	-	\$ 7.12
Raw Food	\$ 5.46	\$0.11	\$ 5.57
Other Accommodation	\$ 45.20	\$0.74	\$ 45.94
Total	\$131.47	\$0.85	\$132.32

Funding for your home will be adjusted in your July monthly payment to reflect the increase in per diem rates.

Should you have any questions, please contact Irv Kirstein, Information Officer, Strategic Support Branch at (416) 327-7366.

Sincerely,



Tim Burns
Director, Long-Term Care Homes Branch

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