Ontario Health Coalition URGENT ALERT LONG-TERM CARE HOMES DRAFT REGULATIONS RELEASED

Deadline: June 5 for feedback to government

On May 5, 2009 the McGuinty government started its required 30-day consultation period for written comments on the first set of draft regulations under the new Long-Tern Care Homes Act (Bill 140). The Ministry of Health revealed that there will be a second set of draft regulations to be released for 30-day consultation period at a later date. (See the stakeholder letter from the Ministry of Health attached.) You can get the new draft regulations at: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/legislation/ltc homes/ltc homes.html

The Ontario Health Coalition's response to the draft regulations is available at http://www.web.net/~ohc/ohcltcresponsemay09.pdf

Your comments and feedback need to be sent into the government by June 5, 2009 to the following address/email:

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The decision to approve the regulations will be made by cabinet. Once the two sets of regulations have been consulted upon for the 30-day consultation period, as the government is required to do, the Long Term Care Act will be proclaimed into force, complete with what will become the one final regulation.