

PROVINCE INVESTING \$28 MILLION IN HALTON HEALTHCARE

The provincial government will be investing an additional \$28 million in Halton Healthcare this year.

The announcement, made recently by Oakville MPP Stephen Crawford, Oakville North-Burlington MPP Effie Triantafilopoulos and Milton MPP Parm Gill, means Halton Healthcare will receive an additional \$10.5 million starting in 2022/2023.

This represents an increase of three per cent when compared to funding during the last fiscal year.

Halton Healthcare will also receive \$17.6 million for 67 new patient beds.

The MPPs noted the investment is part of the province's effort to build a stronger, more resilient health care system by ensuring all publicly funded hospitals receive a mini-

mum two per cent increase to their operating budgets to help them better meet patient needs.

"This increase of \$10.5 million as well as \$17.6 million for 67 patient beds by the provincial government will ensure Halton Healthcare can continue to provide quality, compassionate care to our loved ones across our community," said Triantafilopoulos. "Our government is committed to saying yes to investments that protect what matters most to you and your family."

The Oakville North-Burlington MPP said the \$17.6 million for 67 new patient beds is part of the province's plan to stay open by increasing hospital capacity. She said these new beds are part of a capital plan expansion, which will add 3,000 new beds



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Halton Healthcare is receiving \$28 million in provincial funding.

over 10 years and support the continuation of more than 3,100 acute and post-acute beds in hospitals and alternate health care facilities.


"Ensuring high quality

health care to meet patient needs is a top priority for the government," said Crawford. "The province is providing an additional \$10.5 million for Halton Healthcare, and

\$17,629,500 for 67 new patient beds. This funding represents a substantial year-over-year increase to give Oakville residents the attention and care they deserve."

Halton Healthcare President and CEO Denise Hardenne said Halton Healthcare is grateful to the government for its ongoing investment in the health of Halton's communities. She said it would allow Halton Healthcare to continue to have the capacity to care for people during the pandemic with compassionate, quality and integrated community hospital care.

"These additional beds are critical to our response to the COVID-19 pandemic and serve as a reminder of the contributions of community hospitals to the health of Ontario, and the incredible work of our staff and physicians who remain constant in their commitment to providing exemplary patient experiences, always," said Hardenne.





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