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# Hospital in Home program aims to reduce health costs

In an effort to reduce the cost of operating hospitals, the province has created the Hospital in the Home Program with the aim of reducing the length of hospital stays.

The Ministry of Health has allocated \$10 million to fund five Hospital in the Home pilot projects. Dr. Graham Pollett, the Region's Medical Officer of Health, suggested to a recent meeting of Region's Health and Social Services Committee that Halton "would have a good chance to be accepted."

Patients in the program can be released to their homes because an around-the-clock backup is provided with the necessary services, according to Dr. Pollett's report to the committee. The current Home Care Program is essentially the same thing for patients requiring a minimum of care. The new program stretches those limits.

Dr. Pollett suggested that both Oakville Trafalgar and Burlington's Joseph Brant hospitals apply for inclusion in the pilot program. He said that both have the basic types of facilities and community demographics that the Ministry was looking for.

The pilot projects are being funded 100 per cent by the province. A moratorium was placed on all hospital capital projects by the province, which directly affected Trafalgar and Joseph Brant. Both hospitals resubmitted scaled down expansion proposals including a call to implement a Hospital in the Home Program.

"We're heading into uncharted waters. I have no problem with the pilot project but I am worried about the future implementation funding," Milton councillor Brad Clements said.

"The question is timing. We all agree that home care is the wave of the future," Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy said. "In reality we have little choice in funding. We respond to the mandates of the province."

"If the project funding was to come to municipal tax roles it would be a fundamental change in funding procedures," said Walter Mulkewich, a Burlington councillor who supported the plan.

"I just don't want to make a decision in four or five years time about carrying the program if the funding isn't there," Mr. Clements replied.

## Holiday spot checks no joy for R.I.D.E. drinkers

Following the success of last year's joint R.I.D.E. program, police forces in the Greater Toronto Area are once again teaming up.

The campaign will run from Dec. 1 to Jan. 1.

Milton OPP charged two people with liquor violations last week through the R.I.D.E. program.

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848-374	Pulse Meter Cycle
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