



# ONTARIO LONG TERM CARE ASSOCIATION

## Understanding long-term care: How homes are funded

In Ontario, long-term care homes are licensed and regulated. They receive funding from the provincial government for nursing and personal care, programs and services, and food, which is only spent on those items. All spending is tracked and reported to the government. If this money is not used, it is returned to the government.

Residents in all homes also pay a fee for their accommodation at a rate set by the government. Operators are permitted to retain the premiums for private accommodation and non-regulated services. These revenues subsidize the home's business expenses including mortgages and capital repairs, as well as accommodation-related expenses.

As part of their licensing agreement with the government, homes report on how they have spent every dollar. Each long-term care home produces an audited annual report, which is reviewed by the government and then presented to their Residents' Council and Family Council.

This funding system applies to all long-term care homes in the province, which are a mix of municipal homes, privately owned homes, and not-for-profits. Together, these long-term care operators are committed to providing high-quality care to their residents in safe and supportive environments, to being good employers, and to being responsible stewards of public funds. They are also vocal advocates for changes that would relieve pressures on long-term care, such as more funding for staff, more flexibility in staffing, and a reduction in administrative work so that staff could spend more time with residents.

### ***For more information:***

**This is Long-Term Care 2019** - A "long-term care 101" report that explains how long-term care works, and provides statistics on the resident population, quality metrics, and funding.

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