

Important Announcement regarding the changes to Physiotherapy Services effective April 1, 2005

As announced there are changes to OHIP insured physiotherapy services provided by Designated Physiotherapy Clinics (formerly known as Schedule 5 clinics) effective April 1, 2005. Over the coming months the government will be working to expand these services so that more long-term care homes and communities, such as those in rural and northern Ontario, will have access. The steps needed to implement this expansion are now under discussion with stakeholders including the Schedule 5 Facilities Association, Ontario Physiotherapy Association, College of Physiotherapists of Ontario, Ontario Long-Term Care Home Association, Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and the Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres.

We understand that physiotherapists, designated physiotherapy clinics, and long-term care homes are interested in participating in these changes and may be entering into discussions on new arrangements. The stakeholder group recommends that you await the outcome and recommendations of the work currently being undertaken before proceeding to make plans or enter into new agreements.

There is a commitment by all involved to provide information on moving forward with these changes as quickly as possible. The target date is June 1, 2005 for implementation of interim arrangements to address access to physiotherapy services in long-term care homes. Please note that information will be posted on the following websites as soon as it becomes available:

- [Ontario Physiotherapy Association](#)
- [Schedule 5 Facilities Association](#)
- [College of Physiotherapists](#)
- [Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes](#)
- [Ontario Long-Term Care Home Association](#)
- [Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres](#)
- [Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care](#)

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