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**Expanded Credit Valley Family Health Team to Better Serve  
Mississauga Residents**

*Ontario Investing in More Primary Care, Nurses, Mental Health across the Province*

**NEWS**

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Ontario is providing more people with better access to high-quality health care closer to home, with an expanded team of health care professionals in Mississauga. Our government is committed to ensuring the long term success of our health care team and as such is funding to expand the Credit Valley Family Health Team which will receive \$ 1,347,800 in total annualized base and one-time funding for 2017-18.

The expanded Credit Valley Family Health Team will connect people in Mississauga with a range of health care professionals to address a broad variety of healthcare needs, including mental health and chronic disease management.

Team-based health care clinics help empower patients and their families and encourage them to be active participants in living healthy lives. Ontario is creating new and expanded primary care programs and services in order to respond to the health and social service needs of communities across the province, including Franco-Ontarians, newcomers and seniors.

Ontario's plan to create fairness and opportunity during this period of rapid economic change includes a higher minimum wage and better working conditions, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, easier access to affordable child care, and free prescription drugs for everyone under 25 through the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation.

**QUOTES**

“Our government is committed to ensuring everyone in Ontario has access to high-quality primary care, closer to home. The support of interprofessional primary care teams in the community is an important and significant step toward achieving this goal.”— **Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care**

“This announcement highlights our governments commitment to providing access to quality healthcare right inside the communities that need them. The Credit Valley Family Health Team will benefit greatly from these investments as they help to ensure that they are properly supported to achieve their goals” – **Harinder S. Takhar, MPP Mississauga-Erindale**

“Strong primary care is a key foundation for a high-performing health care system. Expanding interprofessional care at the Credit Valley Family Health Team will better support vulnerable populations and help patients access more same and next day appointments and varied health care programs from diabetes management to palliative care. These investments play an important role in providing quality family health care in the Mississauga Halton LHIN.” — **Bill MacLeod, Chief Executive Officer, Mississauga Halton LHIN**

“As one of the regions of the Province that is rapidly growing in both numbers and diversity we need to keep at the leading edge of training new physicians in offering skillful high quality care. We are very committed to expanding access to inter-professional care to local family physicians so they too can increase supports to some of the most at risk clients and focus on promotion and preventative activities in conjunction with our many community partners.” – **Dr James Pencharz, Lead Physician**

“We will strengthen care capacity in people’s homes and with their families through following the patient to deliver services to where they are. This expansion allows us to reach out into the community to support seniors, those with mental health and addictions needs, to expand our highly successful lung health program and more Franco-Ontarians. We are excited to build on the strengths in the community already and forge new relationships to ensure our services bridge gaps already identified by families, physicians and other providers” – **Rosslyn Bentley, Executive Director Credit Valley Family Health Team.**

## QUICK FACTS

- The Mississauga Halton LHIN will receive \$ **1,347,800** for a Primary Care Seniors Community Outreach Team, Primary Care Mental Health and Addictions Team and a Community Lung Health Program as part of Ontario’s commitment to expand access to interprofessional primary care across the province.
- In the 2017 Budget, the province made a commitment of \$15.5 million for 2017-18 to create and expand interprofessional primary care teams (Family Health Teams, Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics, Community Health Centres) focusing on areas with the greatest needs.
- Ontario has also committed \$329.2 million over five years to recruit and retain interprofessional primary care professionals.
- There are currently 294 interprofessional care teams across Ontario delivering care to more than four million people.
- The province is providing \$23 million per year over three years to improve care coordination for complex patients through the [Health Links initiative](#).

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