

**Via email**

To: Health Service Providers

From: Bruce Lauckner – Transitional Regional Lead (West and CEO of Erie St. Clair, South West, Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant and Waterloo Wellington LHIN's) Ontario Health

Date: November 15, 2019

Re: 2020-2021 Service Accountability Agreements

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**Dear Health Service Providers,**

I am sending this letter on behalf of Ontario Health to all health service providers (HSPs) in the Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration. As you are likely aware, under the *Connecting Care Act, 2019* (CCA), Ontario Health will be assuming responsibility for the funding and performance management of all HSPs who currently hold agreements with LHINs.

While the exact date for the transfer to Ontario Health of the LHINs' health system funding and management functions has not yet been determined, it is anticipated that, for the 2020/21 fiscal year, Ontario Health will be taking over the Hospital Service Accountability Agreements (HSAAs) and Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreements (MSAAs) under section 22 of the CCA. Once the transfers to Ontario Health take place, these funding agreements will no longer be administered by the LHINs.

Ontario Health is working closely with the LHINs and the Ministry of Health to ensure an orderly transition. Over the coming weeks, we expect to provide further direction as to the annual planning processes and their associated timing. Thank you for your continued patience.

Sincerely,

Bruce Lauckner

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