

# PETITION

**To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:**

**Whereas** the Ministry of Health is planning on eliminating OHIP-funded physiotherapy services currently provided to seniors in retirement homes and changing the current provider of the services as of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013;

**And Whereas**, the Minister of Health has announced a total of \$33 million in physiotherapy funding, or \$550 per senior, for 60,000 seniors, including those in retirement homes;

**And Whereas**, instead of the 100 to 150 visits per year a senior may receive now from their dedicated on-site OHIP physiotherapy staff, the change would mean a CCAC therapist would provide 5 to 10 visits on-site only to seniors who are bedridden or have an acute injury. All other ambulatory seniors would have to attend other community locations/clinics for physiotherapy and exercise off-site;

**And Whereas**, this change not only reduces the amount of money available, but also moves funds from the lowest-cost provider (OHIP physiotherapy providers - \$12.20 per treatment) to the highest-cost provider (CCAC - \$120 per treatment);

**And Whereas**, current OHIP physiotherapy providers, who have been providing seniors with individualized treatments for over 48 years, will be delisted from OHIP by the government;

**And Whereas**, these services have been proven to help seniors improve in their activities of daily living, mobility, pain and falls risk;

**We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:**

To review and reverse the decision to eliminate OHIP physiotherapy services to seniors in retirement homes, our most vulnerable population and most at risk for falls; and continue with the provision of at least 100 treatments per year with a mechanism to access an additional 50 treatments, if medically necessary, with the current low-cost OHIP physiotherapy providers.

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