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## **Halton Healthcare to Get \$15,698,549 Boost From 2017 Provincial Budget**

*Ontario to Increase Hospital Funding for Halton Healthcare to Reduce Wait Times and Expand Services*

**NEWS**

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Ontario will invest an additional \$15,698,549 in Halton Healthcare that would provide faster access to health care, expand crucial services and procedures, and improve the experience of patients.

This investment in Halton is part of a 3.1 per cent increase in hospital funding proposed in the 2017 Budget to directly benefit patients at every public hospital across Ontario, and would:

- Provide more access to cardiac services, critical care, organ/tissue donations and transplants, rare disease care, and bariatric services, as well as support for new and redeveloped hospitals
- Improve access and reduce wait times for chemotherapy, stroke treatments, hip and knee replacements, and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRIs)
- Support service delivery by hospitals in high-growth communities, as well as small, medium, northern and rural hospitals, and mental health and stand-alone paediatric hospitals.

Ontario is increasing access to care, reducing wait times and improving the patient experience through its [Patients First Action Plan for Health Care](#) and [OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare](#) – protecting health care today and into the future.

### **QUOTES**

“By increasing our investment to each and every publicly funded hospital in Ontario, patients will be able to connect with specialists faster, have reduced wait times and better access to the procedures they need close to home.”

— Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“This is great news for Halton residents who depend on our high-quality health care services. With this increased funding, Halton Healthcare will be able to provide better services and care to our growing community. This investment will reduce wait times and increase access to important services and treatments for local families.”

— Indira Naidoo-Harris, MPP Halton



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"The investments we are making reflect our full commitment to maintaining high-quality health care for the people of Oakville. Hospitals remain the cornerstone of our health care system, and providing them with the funding they need to maintain the highest standard of care is essential."  
— Kevin Flynn, MPP Oakville

"Halton Healthcare plays a critical role in our local health care system, providing acute and specialized care to patients in Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. This investment will help reduce pressures on the hospital, build capacity in the system and enable more patients to access the care they need."  
— Bill MacLeod, Chief Executive Officer, Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Network

"Today's announcement is welcome news as it recognizes the increasing demand for healthcare services in our growing communities in Halton. This investment will help us meet that demand and allow us to continue to provide the exemplary care our patients have come to expect from us."  
— Denise Hardenne, President & CEO, Halton Healthcare

## QUICK FACTS

- Each of Ontario's 141 public hospitals will receive a minimum 2 per cent increase to its base funding in 2017–18.
- Hospital operating funding in Ontario has increased more than 58 per cent, from \$11.3 billion in 2003-04 to \$18 billion in 2017-18.
- Ontario's health care budget will total \$53.8 billion in 2017–18 — a 3.8 per cent increase from the previous year.
- Ontario also plans to invest an additional [\\$9 billion over 10 years in capital grants to hospitals to build modern infrastructure](#). About 34 hospital projects are now underway across the province.

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