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MEMORANDUM TO:

Long-Term Care Home Operators/Administrators

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Changes to Ontario Disability Support Program Rates

I am writing to inform you of changes to the Comfort Allowance, the Personal Needs Allowance and the Institutional Rate for Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) recipients who are residents of long-term care (LTC) homes.

LTC Homes Comfort Allowance:

Effective November 1, 2010, the Comfort Allowance has increased by \$2.00 from the current rate of \$128.00/month to \$130.00/month.

The Personal Needs Allowance and the Institutional rate for Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) recipients:

The monthly Personal Needs Allowance has increased by \$2.00 from the current rate of \$128.00/month to \$130.00/month effective November 1, 2010 and the monthly Institutional Rate for ODSP recipients has increased by \$10.00 from the current rate of \$906.00 to \$916.00.

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Effective November 1, 2010, LTC homes should apply the new institutional rate of \$916.00 to residents in receipt of ODSP.

The increases to the Comfort Allowance, Personal Needs Allowance and ODSP Institutional Rate are provided in the table below:

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MonthlyRate	Prior to November 1, 2010	As of November 1, 2010	Amount of Increase
Comfort Allowance	\$128.00	\$130.00	\$2.00
Personal Needs Allowance	\$128.00	\$130.00	\$2.00
Institutional Rate	\$906.00	\$916.00	\$10.00

On November 1, 2010, the ARREC system will automatically adjust the rates of applications submitted prior to October 31, 2010, to reflect the increase in Comfort Allowance and ODSP. Users will be required to renew the rate reduction & ODSP applications on ARREC. Applications for Exceptional Circumstances (EC) will need to be electronically resubmitted for approval by the ministry. Residents who have completed a rate reduction or exceptional circumstance application will not be required to re-sign the form. Operators are required to advise residents of the rate changes.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please contact the ARREC support line at 1-866-414-0013.

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