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Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. Prue.
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Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. Nicholls
and Mr. O'Toole. (Tabled May 15, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. Klees and
Mr. O'Toole. (Tabled May 16, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. McDonell,
Mr. O'Toole and Mr. Smith. (Tabled May 27, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Ms. DiNovo
and Mr. O'Toole. (Tabled May 29, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. Chudleigh
and Mr. O'Toole. (Tabled May 30, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Ms. Armstrong,
Mr. O'Toole, Miss Taylor and Mr. Wilson. (Tabled June 04, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. Yurek.
(Tabled June 04, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. Ouellette,
Mr. Smith and Mr. Yurek. (Tabled June 05, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. McNaughton
and Mr. Wilson. (Tabled June 06, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. Barrett,
Mr. Leone and Mr. Ouellette. (Tabled June 10, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Ms. Armstrong
and Mr. Wilson. (Tabled June 10, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. Wilson and
Ms. Wong. (Tabled June 11, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. McDonell
and Mr. Walker. (Tabled September 09, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. McDonell.
(Tabled September 11, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. Clark and
Mr. O'Toole. (Tabled September 12, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. Wilson.
(Tabled September 18, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. O'Toole.
(Tabled September 19, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Ms. Scott.
(Tabled September 24, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Ms. Forster.
(Tabled October 01, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. O'Toole.
(Tabled October 02, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. O'Toole
and Mr. Ouellette. (Tabled October 03, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. Fedell.
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Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. Wilson.
(Tabled October 22, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. McDonnell.
(Tabled October 29, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. Smith.
(Tabled October 30, 2013)

Petition relating to Physiotherapy services (Sessional Paper No. P-108) Mr. Milligan.
(Tabled November 20, 2013)

Response:

Eligibility for publicly funded physiotherapy services in Ontario is not changing. With a referral from a physician or a nurse practitioner, seniors aged 65 and older, those 19 years of age and under, those discharged from hospital for a condition requiring physiotherapy and Ministry of Community and Social Services clients will continue to be eligible for publicly funded physiotherapy services in participating clinics.

What's changing is that these services will be available in more communities across Ontario. All Ontarians whose condition is such that they require physiotherapy services in their homes remains eligible for in-home physiotherapy.

In addition, all long-term care residents who have an assessed need for physiotherapy as determined by their regulated health professionals will still be eligible to receive resident-specific physiotherapy - and they will continue to have access to exercise classes.

Ontario will provide more than 200,000 additional seniors and patients with improved access to high-quality physiotherapy, exercise, and falls prevention classes.

Beginning August 1, 2013, more individualized physiotherapy as well as exercise and falls prevention classes will be available in long-term care homes and in communities across Ontario. These improvements will:

- Enhance access to exercise and falls prevention classes for 68,000 additional seniors in community settings;

- Provide funding for one-on-one physiotherapy for all long-term care residents with assessed need, plus group exercise classes;
- Offer in-home physiotherapy for 60,000 more seniors and people with mobility issues;
- Expand clinic-based physiotherapy services across Ontario for 90,000 more seniors and eligible patients.

In addition, Ontario will integrate physiotherapy into family health care settings, including Family Health Teams, Nurse Practitioner Led Clinics, and Community Health Centres.

By funding vital services such as physiotherapy, exercise and falls prevention classes, Ontario is able to improve the availability of these services across the province and significantly boost access for seniors and others in need.



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