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Response:

Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) are responsible for planning, funding and integrating health care services locally.

LHINs are responsible for determinations regarding funding for specific programs, such as the Cardiac Tele-Rehab program. If the LHIN, in consultation with the local community and health care service providers, identifies the Cardiac Tele-Rehab program to be of value to the community, they may consider providing funding to the program.

LHINs are an important part of the government's plan to make the health care system more patient-focused, results-driven, efficient and accountable. They were founded on the understanding that community care and community-based programs, such as the Cardiac Tele-Rehab Program, are best planned and coordinated within that community.

LHINs were established through the Local Health System Integration Act, 2006, and are responsible for the following health service providers in their local areas:

- Hospitals;
- Long-Term Care Homes;
- Community Care Access Centres;
- Community Support Service agencies;
- Mental Health and Addictions agencies, and
- Community Health Centres.

LHINs are improving access to health care by building a health-care system around the needs of patients and their communities.

With the introduction of LHINs, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has assumed a stewardship role focusing on the strategic and overall direction for the province's health care system.

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Honorable Dr. Eric Hoskins