**Canadian Home Care Association Launches eiCOMPASS Accelerator Phase to Enhance Palliative Care Training Across Canada**

Mississauga, September 1, 2024—The Canadian Home Care Association (CHCA) is proud to announce the launch of the eiCOMPASS Accelerator Phase, an initiative designed to strengthen palliative care training and expand emotional intelligence (EI) skills among home care providers. Running from September 2024 to March 2025, this phase builds on the success of the eiCOMPASS Project, equipping frontline nurses and personal support workers with the tools and competencies necessary to deliver high-quality, emotionally intuitive palliative care.

"Limited and unequal access to home-based palliative care continues to be a pressing issue across Canada," said Nadine Henningsen, CEO of CHCA. "Through this accelerator phase, we are advancing the adoption of the Canadian Interdisciplinary Palliative Care Competency Framework and ensuring that home care providers have the skills, knowledge, and confidence to support patients and families facing life-limiting illnesses with compassion and excellence."

The eiCOMPASS Accelerator Phase will:

* Expand the use of the Competency Framework by engaging existing SPRINT Teams to enhance their training programs and reach more frontline care providers.
* Increase access to EI microlearning courses, which will provide home care professionals with essential skills in areas such as emotional self-awareness, communication, and decision-making.
* Support sustainable implementation through mentoring, virtual learning sessions, and the continued development of resources tailored to home-based palliative care providers.

With over 1,600 home care providers having already completed CHCA’s EI microlearning courses, the accelerator phase aims to deepen the impact by fostering sustainable learning and improving care outcomes. This initiative is aligned with Strategic Priority 5 of the Canadian Cancer Control Strategy, addressing disparities in palliative and end-of-life care through competency-based education and equity-driven approaches.

For more information about the eiCOMPASS Project, visit: <https://cdnhomecare.ca/eicompass/>

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About the Canadian Home Care Association

The Canadian Home Care Association (CHCA) is a national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing integrated, accessible, and sustainable home and community-based care across Canada. Through initiatives like the eiCOMPASS Project, CHCA empowers care providers with the knowledge, tools, and resources to enhance home-based palliative care across the country.