



CHCA welcomes federal funding extension and calls for sustained investment in home and community care

Toronto, ON — October 16, 2026 — The Canadian Home Care Association (CHCA) welcomes the one-year, \$1.2 billion extension of federal funding for home and community care, mental health and substance use services announced by the Honourable Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health. The CHCA appreciates this commitment to maintaining essential services and providing provinces and territories with greater certainty for the coming year.

As federal, provincial and territorial health ministers meet in Winnipeg on October 16, the CHCA urges the federal government to build on this extension with a sustained, long-term commitment to home and community care.

Canadians want the option to live safely and independently at home as they age, but access to care remains uncertain. The National Institute on Ageing's [2025 Ageing in Canada Survey](#) found that **81%** of Canadians aged 50 and older want to remain in their own home or move to a smaller home. Yet only **51%** of those who needed home care said they could access it all or most of the time.

Public support for action is strong. A [2025 Ipsos poll](#) conducted for COURAGE: Action for Better Aging found that **95%** of Canadians support federal policies that enable aging in place, while **89%** agree the federal government should fund better integration of health, housing and social services.

CHCA has been consistent in recommending the extension of federal home and community care funding beyond 2027–28 and indexing it to inflation and population aging. This investment should support increasing the share of provincial and territorial health spending devoted to home and community care from the current level of approximately 5–6% toward 10%, helping meet rising demand and improve system efficiency.

“We welcome this extension and the support it provides to provinces and territories for home and community care over the coming year,” said **Fiona Deller, CEO of CHCA**. “A long-term federal funding commitment can help provinces and territories keep pace with rising costs and growing demand, so Canadians can count on receiving care at home when they need it.”

The CHCA looks forward to working with federal, provincial and territorial governments to support sustained, predictable investment in home and community care.

About the Canadian Home Care Association

The Canadian Home Care Association (CHCA) is a national non-profit membership organization dedicated to advancing integrated, person-centred home and community care. Its members include public and private organizations that fund, manage and deliver home and community care services and products. Through collaboration and knowledge sharing, the CHCA informs and shapes policies and practices that support an integrated, accessible, accountable and sustainable health care system.



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