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Innovative care delivery, continuity of funding vital to provide stability

The focus and energy of Ontario's healthcare system is, and should remain, entirely focused on confronting and containing the coronavirus pandemic. Health Service Providers, including Alzheimer Societies across Ontario, are rising to the challenge, devising innovative methods of service delivery that maintain quality of care while following public health guidelines for self-isolation.

To fully support HSPs, the Alzheimer Society is asking health system leaders, including LHINs, to take the following actions:

- Continue to fully fund all HSPs without interruption, and provide assurances that funding levels will be maintained
- Support deviations from Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreements to facilitate staff working remotely and providing virtual care, for the protection of both staff and clients

Encouraging innovative care delivery methods would allow clients, especially those over the age of 70 who have been advised to self-isolate, to follow recommendations of public health officials without losing access to critical supports that both improve quality of life and increase care partner capacity. For staff, maintaining funding levels to HSPs would provide peace of mind that they can continue to meet their financial obligations.

The Alzheimer Society calls on health system leaders and funders to be flexible during this rapidly evolving situation. Maintaining funding levels while supporting innovative ways of delivering programs and services will empower HSPs to meet the needs of the clients we serve.

About the Alzheimer Society

The Alzheimer Society is a Federation of 29 community support providers, operating in every corner of Ontario. We support over 85,000 clients each year, including both caregivers and people living with dementia. For more information, visit www.alzheimer.ca/en/on.