



ST. LAWRENCE LODGE

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Resident and Family
Newsletter

June 2013

Update—Ontario Government Announces Changes to Physiotherapy Funding Effective August 1st, 2013. Homes Still Waiting for Details

As previously reported, in late April 2013, the Provincial Government announced changes to funding for physiotherapy services, effective August 1st, 2013.

One of the fundamental changes announced by Gov't is that physiotherapy services will no longer be funding through OHIP. Instead, Long Term Care Homes will be provided with funding directly and Homes will be expected to enter into contracts with Physiotherapy providers to provide services to their residents.

St. Lawrence Lodge is currently in discussions with pt Health, the current physio services provider for our Home, to find a model of care that will maximize the new funding level announced by Gov't. It should be noted that this funding is less than what was provided when the services were billed to OHIP. The Gov't also plans on giving Homes an extra stipend so that they can increase some of the exercise- related activities within the Home to offset the loss of therapy service volume.

How these changes will affect residents of long term care homes remains to be fully determined. The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care is expected to release more information on how the physio services funding is to be implemented in early July 2013. Further communications will occur as information is available.

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Announces LTC Home Accommodation Charges Effective July 1, 2013

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care recently released the 2013/14 co-payment rates that will be effective July 1, 2013.

Please see the attached MOHLTC Bulletin for detailed information.

For Basic Accommodation, the co-payment charges will increase by \$1.10 per day from \$55.04 to \$56.14. Those residents who are approved for a rate reduction will not be affected since their co-payment is dictated by their assessed income level.

If you are currently paying less than \$55.04 per day because you are receiving a rate reduction, they you will need to re-apply for a rate reduction since the current rate expires on June 30, 2013. Please see the Business Office staff for assistance with your rate reduction application.

For Semi-Private accommodation, the rate charged will increase from \$9.00 to \$10.00 per day.

For Private accommodation, the rate charged will increase from \$19.75 to \$21.50 per day.

The MOHLTC notes that the increases to preferred accommodation (semi-private and private) rates reflects a continued upgrade of these rates to current values, as prior to 2012 they had not been increased since 1993.

The MOHLTC further notes that co-payment rates need to keep pace with rising costs associated with meals and accommodation services.

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SPECIAL EVENTS – June 2013

Sat., June 1 st	Kathy & Friends	Town Square - 1:45 p.m.
Tues., June 4 th	B.J. Hughes	Town Square – 10:30 a.m.
Tues., June 4 th	Beth – Flute	Cedar – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., June 4 th	1 st & 2 nd Floor Birthday Club Party	Elm – 2:00 p.m.
Tues., June 4 th	The Brown's	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., June 5 th	Vangie	Cedar – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., June 5 th	Eileen – Birthday Musical	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Fri., June 7 th	Jacquie	Elm – 10:30 a.m.
Fri., June 7 th	Beth – Flute	Birch – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., June 11 th	Spousal Support Group	Chapel – 10:30 a.m.
Tues., June 11 th	Beth – Flute	Spruce – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., June 11 th	3 rd & Oak Birthday Club	Maple – 2:00 p.m.
Wed., June 12 th	Vangie	Spruce – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., June 12 th	Father's Day Pub – Tom Wilson	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Fri., June 14 th	Jacquie	Cedar – 10:30 a.m.
Fri., June 14 th	Beth – Flute	Elm – 11:00 a.m.
Fri., June 14 th	Tall Ships Festival Parade	Patios – 4:30 p.m.
Sat., June 15 th	Bob & Bonnie	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Mon., June 17 th	Winnona	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Tues., June 18 th	Beth – Flute	Pine – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., June 18 th	Scenic Bus Tour	Cedar – 1:00 p.m.
Tues., June 18 th	D.J. Danny	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., June 19 th	Brockville Museum	Chapel – 1:45 p.m.
Fri., June 21 st	Jacquie	Spruce – 10:30 a.m.
Fri., June 21 st	Beth – Flute	Maple – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., June 25 th	Scenic Bus Tour	Spruce – 1:00 p.m.
Tues., June 25 th	Harmonic Sing-A-Long	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., June 26 th	Vangie	Pine – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., June 26 th	Happy Hour	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Fri., June 28 th	Beth – Flute	Cedar – 11:00 a.m.
Sat., June 29 th	Pub – Matt Hayes	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.

Annual Resident BBQ Event Set for August 7th

Mark your calendars. The Annual BBQ under the tent is set for **Wednesday August 7th**—Rain or Shine! (Liquid sunshine not allowed that day!)



Summer Gardens Are Here!

We have now planted flowers in the many garden areas located on our balconies, courtyards, and main entrance. We hope their beauty brightens your day!



I hope you enjoyed reading our newsletter. Have a great month!

Yours truly,

Tom Harrington

Administrator

Bulletin to Residents of Long-Term Care Homes: Important News Regarding Long-Term Care Home Accommodations Charges

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and Long-Term Care

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Basic Accommodation Rates

On July 1, 2013, the co-payment that residents pay for basic accommodation in long-term care (LTC) homes **will increase by \$1.10 per day from \$55.04 to \$56.14 per day**, consistent with recent inflationary increases. This will help cover the rising costs of meals and accommodation.

Preferred Accommodation Rates

The maximum charges will also be increasing for residents admitted to newer preferred accommodation beds **on or after July 1, 2013**. The premium charged for semi-private accommodation will increase by \$1.00 from \$9.00 to \$10.00 per day, and the premium for private accommodation will increase by \$1.75 from \$19.75 to \$21.50 per day.

The table below provides the new rates that will apply as of July 1, 2013 to all types of accommodation based on a residents' date of admission to the bed.

Type of Accommodation	Daily Rate	Monthly
Long-Stay Resident:		
Basic	\$56.14	\$1,707.59
Semi-Private		
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2013.	\$66.14	\$2,011.76
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2012, but prior to July 1, 2013.	\$65.14	\$1,981.34
Residents occupying older beds, or residents admitted to newer beds prior to July 1, 2012.	\$64.14	\$1,950.93

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Private

Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2013.	\$77.64	\$2,361.55
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2012, but prior to July 1, 2013.	\$75.89	\$2,308.32
Residents occupying older beds, or residents admitted to newer beds prior to July 1, 2012.	\$74.14	\$2,255.09

Short-Stay Resident (Respite Bed)

\$36.34 N/A

NOTE: "Newer beds" – beds classified as "NEW" or "A" according to ministry design standards
"Older beds" – beds classified as "B", "C", "Upgraded D" or "D" according to ministry design standards

If you have requested a transfer from your current accommodation into a preferred accommodation bed, please call the LTC home administrator to confirm the rate that you will be required to pay. Preferred rates for semi-private and private accommodation in your current LTC home or in another LTC home may be different if you are offered a bed on or after July 1, 2013.

If you are currently paying less than \$55.04 per day because you are receiving a reduction in the basic co-payment, known as a "Rate Reduction", then you should reapply for a rate reduction as the current rate reduction expires on June 30, 2013. Staff at your LTC home will provide you with the application form and will help you to submit your application to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

For more information on co-payment rates or the changes to the rate reduction application process, please speak with your home's Administrator. Should you have any additional questions, please contact: LTC Homes Action Line at **1-866-434-0144**