



Important Announcement for Residents from the MOHLTC

Bulletin: Important news for residents receiving a Reduction in their Long-Term Care Basic Accommodation Fees

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LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENT COMFORT ALLOWANCE AND ONTARIO DISABILITY SUPPORT PROGRAM (ODSP) INCREASING SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

What is changing?

- Starting September 1, 2013, the Comfort Allowance for residents of long-term care (LTC) homes that are receiving a reduction in their LTC basic accommodation fees has increased from \$134 per month to \$136 per month.
- Starting September 1, 2013, the benefit amount for residents receiving income support from Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) has increased from \$936 per month to \$946 per month.

What does this mean to me?

- These changes will only effect residents that are receiving a reduction in their LTC basic accommodation fees, also know as a 'rate reduction'.
- Starting September 1, 2013, residents receiving a rate reduction will be able to retain \$2 more per month for their comfort allowance.
- If you are receiving ODSP benefits, your benefit will increase by \$10 per month starting September 1, 2013, which will result in a \$10 increase in your LTC home based accommodation fees. You will also retain \$2 more per month for your comfort allowance.

When will my rate change?

- The changes are effective September 1, 2013. The ministry is currently recalculating all rates for residents receiving a reduction in their LTC basic accommodation fees.
- The ministry is preparing letters for residents receiving rate reductions that will outline their revised rate. The letters are being sent to your LTC home. LTC home staff will provide you with a copy of your letter and will adjust your payments accordingly. You should expect your letter starting the week of October 14, 2013.

For more information regarding these changes, please speak with the Administrator of your home. Should you have any additional questions, please contact:

LTC Homes Action Line at 1-866-434-0144

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St. Lawrence Lodge will be testing its Emergency Preparedness for evacuation situations on October 23, 2013. Please note the following:

- The exercise will take place on Pine Lodge.
- Residents will have a special activity off of the Unit while the exercise takes place. SLC students will substitute for actual residents during the drill.
- Local Fire Authorities will be in attendance.

SPECIAL EVENTS – October 2013

Tues., Oct. 1 st	B.J. Hughes at the Piano	Town Square – 10:30 a.m.
Tues., Oct. 1 st	Sweet Memories	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 2 nd	Egon	Cedar – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., Oct. 2 nd	Eileen – Birthday Musical	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 4 th	Jacquie	Cedar – 10:30 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 4 th	3 rd Floor Birthday Club	Maple – 2:00 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 8 th	Spousal Support Group	Chapel – 10:30 a.m.
Tues., Oct. 8 th	Flute – Beth	Cedar – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., Oct. 8 th	1 st Floor & Spruce Birthday Club	Elm – 2:00 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 8 th	The Troubadours	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 9 th	Egon	Cedar – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., Oct. 9 th	Parabus Shopping – See Dawn	Front Door – 1:00 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 11 th	Jacquie	Birch – 10:30 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 11 th	Tom Wilson	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 15 th	Flute – Beth	Pine – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., Oct. 15 th	The Brown's	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 16 th	Egon	Elm – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., Oct. 16 th	Vangie	Cedar – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., Oct. 16 th	Brockville Museum	Chapel – 1:45 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 16 th	Birch Birthday Club	Birch – 2:00 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 18 th	Happy Hour	Town Square – 2:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 19 th	Kathy & Friends	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 21 st	Winnona	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 22 nd	Flute – Beth	Maple – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., Oct. 22 nd	Tom Wilson	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 23 rd	Evacuation Exercise	Pine – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., Oct. 23 rd	D.J. Dan	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 25 th	Jacquie	Cedar – 10:30 a.m.
Sat., Oct. 26 th	Pub – Matt Hayes	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 29 th	Flute – Beth	Spruce – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., Oct. 29 th	Memories of Yesterday	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 30 th	Egon	Spruce – 10:00 a.m.
Thurs., Oct. 31 st	Halloween Party	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.

Please Be on the Look Out for Wheelchairs in the Parking Lots

The Home has recommended to all residents who have electric wheelchairs and other mobility devices that they affix a red warning flag to their equipment so that they are more visible when out in the parking lots and roadways around the building. Unfortunately, a number of residents have refused to have the flags installed. As a result, we would like to advise all drivers to please be extra careful and diligently lookout for wheelchairs and scooters when maneuvering their cars in the parking lot. Thank you for your assistance.

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

Yours truly,

Administrator

