



ST. LAWRENCE LODGE

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Resident and Family
Newsletter

September 2013

Physiotherapy Service Changes Going Forward Effective August 22, 2013

As previously reported, the MOHLTC announced changes to physiotherapy funding in April 2013 that officially took effect on August 22nd, 2013. The following comments are a summary of the changes affecting services at SLL:

- Prior to the change, staff from pt Health provided physiotherapy services to residents in our home and billed OHIP directly for those treatments. As such, all the billing and payments for our home have been between the government and pt Health. This is how it was working for most LTC homes.
- Over the last number of years, the government has been concerned that the amount of money being billed to OHIP for physiotherapy for residents in long term care homes has been increasing significantly. The government was also concerned that some areas of the province were underserved or not serviced at all by publicly-funded physiotherapy.
- In order to control costs and ensure publicly-funded physiotherapy is available across the province, the government introduced a new funding system; essentially changing how it funds physiotherapy and what types of services it will pay for.
- Effective August 22, 2013, all long term care homes will receive funds directly from the government to pay for physiotherapy services for residents in their care. The funding amount is capped at \$750 per bed per year.
- The \$750 per bed funding is designated for one-on-one physiotherapy. Residents will receive one-on-one therapy after they have been assessed and meet the new criteria for on-on-one physiotherapy in long term care.
- This will mean that some residents may no longer meet the criteria and will not receive one-on-one physiotherapy services under the new rules or may receive fewer or different treatments.
- Our home will continue to offer exercise classes. Exercise classes are open to individuals who would like to and are able to participate.
- Residents will still continue to see the pt Health staff. We have had a good working relationship with them and they will continue to provide physiotherapy services to our residents.
- As you can appreciate, this is a big change that happened over a relatively short period of time. We are doing our very best to ensure that all of our residents continue to receive the care they need.
- These changes are not just in long term care. They also impact people receiving physiotherapy in their homes, in clinics and in other settings such as retirement homes.
- The Health Minister has indicated that everyone who needs physiotherapy will receive physiotherapy. We are working with our association, OANHSS, to urge the government to conduct a formal evaluation of the changes and ensure that Ontarians who require physiotherapy services will receive the services based on the new funding model.

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Clothing Caravan Sale

Coming

September 27th

Come In for Some Great Deals!

BIG SALE

SPECIAL EVENTS – September 2013

Tues., Sept. 3 rd	B.J. Hughes at the Piano	Town Square – 10:30 a.m.
Tues., Sept. 3 rd	Beth – Flute	Maple – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., Sept. 3 rd	Movie Night	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 4 th	Harmonica Sing-A-Long & Birthday Musical	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 6 th	Jacque	Cedar – 10:30 a.m.
Fri., Sept. 6 th	Happy Hour	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 10 th	Beth – Flute	Spruce – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., Sept. 10 th	The Troubadours	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 11 th	Parabus Shopping – Wal Mart	See Dawn – 1:00 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 14 th	1 st Floor & Spruce Birthday Club	Elm – 10:00 a.m.
Sat., Sept. 14 th	Tom Wilson Trio	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 16 th	Winnona	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 17 th	Beth – Flute	Elm – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., Sept. 17 th	3 rd Floor & Birch & Oak Birthday Club	Birch – 2:00 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 17 th	Memories of Yesterday	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 18 th	Brockville Museum	Chapel – 1:45 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 20 th	Jacque	Maple – 10:30 a.m.
Sat., Sept. 21 st	Eileen	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 24 th	Tom Wilson	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 27 th	Jacque	Spruce – 10:30 a.m.
Sat., Sept. 28 th	Matt Hayes – Pub	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.

St. Lawrence Lodge will be testing its Emergency Preparedness for evacuation situations in mid-October 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.
- More information will be posted in the October Newsletter.

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

Yours truly,

Tom Hawington