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MCGUINTY GOVERNMENT IMPROVING ACCESS TO HOSPITAL SERVICES IN YORK REGION

Investing \$3.9 Million to Support Complex Continuing Care at York Central Hospital

YORK REGION – The McGuinty government is improving access to hospital services for patients in York Region by providing \$3.9 Million to York Central Hospital, Thornhill MPP Mario G. Racco announced today on behalf of Health and Long-Term Care Minister George Smitherman.

“York Central Hospital is an integral part of our community, providing quality health care services to local residents,” said MPP Racco. “We are building on their work to further improve access to services through new and enhanced facilities with the funding needed to support these improvements.”

This investment will support the inpatient surgical services, complex continuing care, and obstetrical services at York Central Hospital. This means that patients will have better access to care that meets their needs, while staying close to home.

The funding announced today is part of the \$54.8 million allocated provincially by the government to 21 hospitals that have new or expanded facilities.

“Our government is supporting our hospitals as they make improvements to their facilities so patients will have better access to quality care,” said Smitherman.

This is just the latest example of how the McGuinty government is working to provide quality hospital care. Other initiatives include:

- Increasing operating grant funding to hospitals to \$12.9 billion in 2006/07, growing to \$14 billion in 2008/09
- Investing more than \$142 million in an Emergency Department Action Plan, which contains system-wide solutions to ensure emergency rooms stay open and increase capacity in the health care system to meet the needs of Ontario patients
- Providing a total of \$41 million in capital funding to hospitals to repair and upgrade their facilities.



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Today's initiative is part of the McGuinty government's plan for innovation in public health care, building a system that delivers on three priorities - keeping Ontarians healthy, reducing wait times and providing better access to doctors and nurses.

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