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MPP Jones Questions Minister on CCAC Funding

(Queen's Park) –Sylvia Jones, MPP (Dufferin-Caledon) questioned the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care in the legislature today about a funding gap at the local Community Care Access Centre (CCAC).

Jones heard from a personal support worker who was concerned for the well-being of patients being released from the hospital. The worker was told in February that there was no more funding to take on new patients until the new fiscal year began in April.

“Patients who are leaving hospitals are still in need of care, and would suffer without the help of a personal support worker,” said Jones. “The services these workers provide keep patients where they are most comfortable—at home.”

Personal support workers have patients that need oxygen care, personal care, lift and wheelchair assistance, catheter care and much more. A lack of funding means that newly released patients will not receive post-hospital care.

“The Minister’s empty promises of health care for everyone prove that her words do not match her actions,” said Jones. “Providing post-hospital care for patients reduces the need for return trips to emergency rooms. This is a preventative, cost-effective measure that lightens the load on hospitals.”

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