

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 OCTOBER 1, 2015

What is changing?

- Starting October 1, 2015, 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 \$138 per month to \$140 per month.
- Starting October 1, 2015, the benefit amount for residents receiving income support from Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) has increased from \$956 per month to \$966 per month.

What does this mean to me?

- These changes will only affect residents that are receiving a reduction in their LTC basic accommodation fees, also known as a 'rate reduction'.
- Starting October 1, 2015, 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 October 1, 2015, 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.

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When will my rate change?

- The changes are effective October 1, 2015. 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 19, 2015.

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**