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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Medical Officers of Health, Chief Executive Officers and Board Chairs

Dear Colleagues,

By now I am expecting you will have seen and heard the recent announcement on the transformation of our health care system.

At a high level, the announcement focused on the Ministry's plan to improve the patient experience and enable better connected care by:

- Supporting the establishment of Ontario Health Teams across the province and in every community, and
- Integrating multiple existing provincial agencies into a single health agency – Ontario Health.

While the main focus of the government's plan is currently on improving patient experience and fostering better connected care, as always, there is a significant role for the public health sector to play within the larger system. I want to assure you that the public health sector, as always, is a valuable partner and key piece of the health care system.

I look forward to hearing your input and collaborating as a sector as we work to understand what these changes mean for us. As we wait to hear more from the government, it will require us to remain nimble and adapt while we continue our work to best serve our communities. These are early days and more information will follow in the weeks/months ahead. And, my commitment is to share what I know with you when I am able to share it.

I have included the following information, for your reference, with respect to this week's announcement.

- [News Release](#)
- [Backgrounder](#)
- [Minister's Remarks](#)
- [Connected Care Stakeholder Webinar](#)
- [Bill 74](#)

Sincerely,

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