

## **Our Plan for Health 10 Year Strategic Plan**

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Our government is developing a 10-year strategic plan for Ontario's health care system. Building on our health system transformation to date, including reducing wait times and providing better access to doctors and nurses, the strategic plan will identify changes needed for health system improvement. The plan is legislative commitment under the Local Health System Integration Act, 2006 and will be released in the spring of 2007. Included in the plan will be three five and ten-year goals that will drive health system improvement and guide system investment decisions at both the local and provincial level.

As part of the development of the strategic plan, we recently launched a public engagement initiative to hear the views of Ontarians on how we should shape the health system over the coming decade. This initiative will ensure that Ontarians play a key role in the development of a strategic plan that reflects their concerns and priorities, and meets their needs in the years to come.

To ensure that as many Ontarians as possible take part in this strategic planning process, their views will also be gathered through focus groups, community dialogues and telephone surveys. This information will be used to build on the advice already gathered by the LHINs during their own discussions with citizens and providers. Also during this public engagement, Ontarians have access to the website [www.ourplanforhealth.ca](http://www.ourplanforhealth.ca) and telephone number (1-866-532-3161), where they can provide feedback, gain access to materials and find out about ways to get involved.

As part of this process, consultations will also be held province-wide with the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs), and with health care and related community organizations.

We're reaching out to all Ontarians interested in health care to get their views on the development of the Plan. And I'm asking you to encourage your organization and your membership to participate in this important dialogue.

Please provide your members with a link to our website to enable them to express their opinions as citizens of Ontario. Such input will be invaluable in helping us plan long-term goals for improving health outcomes and for putting the system on a sustainable path.