

Ontario's Action Plan for Health Care

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Minister Deb Matthews, Ontario's Minister of Health and Long-term Care addressed the Toronto Board of Trade and outlined the government's plan to provide better value for money in health care spending.

The highlights were as follows:

- Reforming the funding model to move away from a provider centered system and to a patient centered system
- Shift resources into home care, and extended family care helping to reduce the number of unnecessary emergency room visits
- Timely proactive intervention to avoid larger expenses of acute care later including the expansion of Telemedicine Ontario
- Health Quality Ontario (HQO) to assist in the process of bringing evidence based health care into practice
- Shifting procedures out of hospitals to non-profit community based clinics
- Adapting to changes in technology and the shifting Ontario demographic

For further information, please visit the Ministry of Health's website:

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/>