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# Report LTCR-CM-27-17

**To**: Chair Burley and Members of the Long Term Care Committee of Management

**From**: Karen Kraus

**Meeting Date:** October 10, 2017

**Subject: Changes to the Long Term Care Homes Act**

**Status**: Recommendation adopted by Committee of Management as presented per Resolution CM19-17; Endorsed by County Council October 26, 2017 per Resolution CC60-17;

## Recommendation

1. **That Report LTCR-CM-27-17 regarding changes to the Long Term Care Homes Act be received for information.**

## Background

The Ontario government has tabled new omnibus legislation which proposes changes to 10 different pieces of legislation. The Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act addresses many areas of the health care system with some specific changes proposed for the Long Term Care Homes Act and oversight of long-term care homes.

The proposed changes impacting long term care include:

* New provincial offences fines for repeated non-compliance orders of up to $500,000 that could affect homes, staff and corporations.
* New enforcement tools and mechanisms for the Director to suspend a license.
* Repeal of sections of the Act dealing with secure units and enact changes to deal with restraining and confining.

## Financial/Staffing/Legal/Information Technology Considerations

The government has acknowledged that the increased enforcement is aimed at a very small number of high risk homes. Concerns have been expressed that this approach sends the wrong message to residents, families and staff about the overall compliance of long term care and does not address certain systemic issues that affect homes when trying to comply with certain aspects of the legislation- for example, staffing.

## Link to Strategic Goals/Priorities

Grey County Value- Leadership

We lead by example and are accountable for our actions.

## Attachments and Background Information

None

Respectfully submitted by,

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