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Information

On April 1, 2021, the health system planning and funding functions from the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) transferred into Ontario Health.

Ontario Health is an agency created by the Government of Ontario with a mandate to connect and coordinate the province's health care system. Ontario Health oversees health care delivery across the province and connects and coordinates the multiple and complex parts of the health care system.

The following are some organizations that are part of Ontario Health:

- Cancer Care Ontario
- eHealth Ontario
- HealthForceOntario Marketing and Recruitment Agency
- Ontario Health Quality Council (operating as Health Quality Ontario)
- Health Shared Services Ontario
- Ontario Telemedicine Network

- Trillium Gift of Life Network
- CorHealth Ontario

As well, the health system support functions are provided by six Ontario Health regions (formerly Ontario's Local Health Integration Networks):

Ontario Health region	Former Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)
North East	North East
North West	North West
East	Central East South East Champlain
Central	Central Central West Mississauga Halton North Simcoe Muskoka
Toronto	Toronto Central
West	South West Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Waterloo Wellington Erie St. Clair

The Operating Model is based on the patient perspective and is the framework for the evolution and integration of Ontario Health (OH). It lays the foundation for the organizational integration reflecting the following three portfolios:

- Regional Portfolios are the 'front door' to communities and people across the province. All LHIN team members work with Regional Leaders in the North, Central, Toronto, East, and West to coordinate and deliver home and community care; to support local planning and efforts via quality improvement, enhancing access and equity, driving integration, and issues and relationship management; and to plan for and support COVID-19 local response efforts. The regions also continue to work with Ontarians, their families and caregivers and diverse communities to better understand their needs and priorities, and how to improve their care experiences and health outcomes.
- Health System Portfolios develop and deliver programs and functions to improve clinical guidance and support for health care providers, enable quality care for Ontarians, and provide effective oversight across the health care system. Each health system portfolio is a key area within the OH mandate.
 - Population Health and Value-Based Health Systems: This health system portfolio reflects OH's collective commitment to the overall health of the population; to the equitable distribution of health regardless of ethnicity, income or place of residence; to improved experiences for both system

- users and health care providers; and to a high-performing health system that is defined by common values.
- Clinical Institutes and Quality Programs: This portfolio includes advancing evidence based clinical excellence; setting standards that drive appropriate levels of consistency; supporting integration and equity across the system; and enabling the delivery of quality care and positive health outcomes through the dissemination of evidence and improvement programs.
 - Health System Performance and Support: Focusing efforts on supporting health system performance in ways that are relevant to Ontarians' and provider experiences, in ways that are useful and actionable, and in ways that hold people and institutions accountable, while driving improvement and providing information to make informed decisions – because advancement rests on the best available data and evidence.
 - Digital Excellence in Health: In this portfolio, focus is on embedding a digital first approach across the system including e-innovations to connect the system to achieve better health outcomes and value and putting systems in place so clinicians can securely share health records within circles of care.
- Corporate Portfolios will be responsible for supporting Ontario Health with strategic advice, support and corporate services in an efficient and effective manner, in the following areas: legal, privacy and risk, finance, human resources, communications and engagement, and corporate planning.