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Mr. Ray Chenier
Chair
Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board
210 Mead Boulevard
Espanola ON P5E 1R9

Dear Mr. Chenier:

The McGuinty government has unveiled an ambitious health reform plan. I would like to thank you for your continuing effort and co-operation in working with the ministry to improve Ontario's health care system.

The success of our reform plan is dependent largely on ongoing collaboration with our health care partners, and key contributory factors such as our enhancement of resources to strengthen care in the community.

I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has approved annualized base funding increase of up to \$165,580 for 2009-10 to provide land ambulance services to First Nations communities and territories without municipal organization (TWOMO).

Under separate cover, Dawn Ogram, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will provide you with the administrative details of this funding approval.

Thank you for your commitment to improving ambulance services in Ontario.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Caplan'.

David Caplan
Minister