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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Upper Tier Municipalities / Designated Delivery Agents, Chief Administrative Officers  
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Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs), Chief Executive Officers  
Community Care Access Centres (CCAC), Chief Executive Officers  
Ontario Community Supports Association, Chief Executive Officer  
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Emergency Department Physician LHIN Leads  
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Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS), Chief Executive Officer  
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Canadian Mental Health Association, Chief Executive Officer  
Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres (OACCAC), Chief Executive Officer  
Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), President and Chief Executive Officer  
Ontario Public Health Association, President  
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Norm Gale  
President, Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs

**Subject:** Community Paramedicine in Ontario

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As you are aware, on January 21, 2014 the government announced a \$6 million investment to support the expansion and development of community paramedicine initiatives across the province to help older adults and other patients receive the care they need in their homes, while reducing unnecessary emergency room visits and hospital admissions.

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To this end, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) is inviting applications for community paramedicine initiatives from Emergency Medical Services, Local Health Integration Networks' service providers and other organizations that may partner with these stakeholders and their local Emergency Medical Services.

In order to facilitate this process, attached is an Application Package that was developed by a stakeholder-led Steering Committee chaired by the President of the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs with representatives from MOHLTC, CCAC, primary care and EMS. The package outlines the funding eligibility criteria and the information that must be completed by interested applicants.

The key timelines are:

- Week of March 10, 2014 - Ministry issues the Application Package
- April 17, 2014 - Stakeholders submit their completed applications to the Ministry
- May - Onwards - Ministry notifies all applicants of the results of the selection process and issues funding letters and Transfer Payment Agreements to successful applicants.

As a next step, the Steering Committee will be inviting you to an upcoming technical briefing on the funding program. In the meantime, please feel free to contact [michael.ditommaso@ontario.ca](mailto:michael.ditommaso@ontario.ca) for additional information.

Thank you for your continued commitment and support for moving forward with this important action to meet the needs of our aging population.

Sincerely,



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c: Dr. Samir K. Sinha, Provincial Lead - Ontario's Seniors Strategy, Director of Geriatrics Mount Sinai and the University Health Network Hospitals  
Richard Jackson, Emergency Health Services Branch, Direct Services Division, MOHLTC