

January 9, 2017

**MEMORANDUM TO:** SSAH Administrative Agencies

**FROM:** Nadine Hunt  
Manager, Special Needs Unit

**RE:** **Increased Funding to Special Services at Home (SSAH)  
– Bill 148**

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In Minister Helena Jaczek's letter dated December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, she announced the Ontario government is investing \$24.3M in 2017-18 to support the community and developmental services sectors in addressing increased costs associated with the introduction of Bill 148, Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017. This investment will assist with the continued delivery of the SSAH program.

Please find attached a package of information to support agencies in responding to potential questions regarding the implementation of funding – specifically, increases to Special Services at Home direct funding. Included are:

1. Key messages to inform responses to families, and to facilitate sharing on social media/agency websites; and
2. Qs and As.

The Ministry values the collaborative relationships with our transfer payment agency partners as we work together to continue to improve the delivery of these programs in order to better support Ontarians who are in receipt of direct funding. We appreciate the opportunity to work together on strategies to assist in addressing ongoing pressures and we are confident that together we will find innovative and effective solutions.

More details regarding the implementation of this investment will be provided in the coming weeks.

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Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions please contact me at 905-567-7177 or 1-877-832-2818 ext. 312.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

Nadine

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