1.0 PURPOSE OF FUNDING

1.1 To better support the maintenance and improvement of quality in long-term care (LTC) homes, the ministry is revising the approach for funding the accreditation premium.

1.2 Effective July 1, 2018, the Accreditation Premium Memorandum dated March 25, 2010, as referred to in Schedule A of the Letter of Agreement for Ministry Direct Funding to Long-Term Care Homes (DFA), will be replaced with the LTCH Quality Attainment Premium Policy, which shall be a Funding Policy under the applicable LTC Home Service Accountability Agreement (LSAA) with the applicable Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). The transfer payment program to which the Accreditation Premium Memorandum referred (“the Accreditation Premium”) under the DFA, will instead be referred to as “Quality Attainment Premium (QAP) Funding”, and governed by this Policy.

1.3 The ministry may revise or issue clarifications of this Policy from time to time.

2.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FUNDING ADVANCE

2.1 Effective July 1, 2018, all LTC homes with an LSAA will be advanced the QAP per diem funding each month based on the number of licensed or approved beds in operation, subject to the home’s LSAA.

2.2 The QAP per diem will be paid as a supplementary line under the Other Accommodation envelope. (Please see the Level-of Care Per Diem Funding Summary for the specific amount for the applicable period. The per diem amount is set by the Ministry and is updated by the Ministry from time to time as part of the Level-of Care Per Diem Funding Summary).

3.0 RECONCILIATION AND RETENTION OF FUNDING

3.1 Effective July 1, 2018, an LTC home shall retain the QAP funding for each applicable day only if the following conditions are met:

   i. The LTC home is accredited and provides the necessary documentation to the ministry to show that it is accredited by either Accreditation Canada or The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) Canada; and

   ii. The LTC home’s performance for the applicable quarter is assessed by the Long Term Care Homes Quality Inspection Program Performance Assessment Framework (The LPA) to be: “In good standing”, or “Improvement required”. (See Appendix A of this policy for further information).

3.2 In order to retain QAP Funding each LTC home must notify the Ministry, through the Financial Management Branch (FMB), of its accreditation status. The notification must
include a copy of a letter from the accreditor that reflects the start and end dates of the effective period of accreditation.

3.3 All funding is subject to adjustment, as per the *LTCH Reconciliation and Recovery Policy*. Funding paid to homes that are not accredited shall be recovered following each calendar year.

3.4 Despite section 3.1, where an LTC home is duly accredited with one accreditor and the operator decides at the end of the effective period of accreditation to seek accreditation from an alternate accreditor recognized by the ministry under section 3.1(i), and provides notification of that intention to the ministry, the LTC home may retain the QAP Funding up to a maximum of ten (10) months from the expiry date of the most recent accreditation, provided the condition specified in section 3.1(ii) is met during the 10 month period.

3.5 An LTC home, electing not to seek renewal of its accreditation must notify the Ministry immediately upon making such decision, and will not be eligible to retain QAP Funding after the accreditation expires.
Appendix A

To help enhance the compliance and enforcement activities, the ministry has developed a comprehensive Long Term Care Homes Quality Inspection Program Performance Assessment Framework—the LPA.

Data from multiple sources is compiled to assess the performance of a home in meeting the requirements of the legislation and in providing quality care for residents. Long-Term Care (LTC) homes are assessed using Compliance / Inspection, RAI-MDS, the LSAA Compliance Indicator and Qualitative data.

The performance results are updated each quarter and are based on a point in time.

The LPA data is used by the LTC Inspection Branch as a performance management tool assisting with:

- The prioritizing and scheduling of inspections, i.e.: Resident Quality Inspections (RQI)
- Creation of longitudinal record of home’s performance on key performance criteria
- Identification of trends within LTC homes
- The evaluation of strategies to respond to homes that are struggling (ex. enforcement strategies, operational meetings with Licensees, etc.)
- Decision support for the ministry in the roll out of new programs to LTC homes.

Performance Levels:

**In good standing**
Acts to address areas of concern with provincial standards for resident care and home operations; reports incidents and corrects issues identified in high risk areas; generally manages complaints.

**Improvement required**
Several areas of concern identified by province; increasing number of complaints and incidents where residents are harmed or at risk of harm; home needs to take action to improve. Homes in this level may have recently improved their performance. The province continues to monitor.

**Significant improvement required**
Continual high-risk concerns identified by province; continued increases in complaints and incidents where residents are harmed or at risk of harm; home has not demonstrated their ability to improve. Further actions taken by province.

**Licence revoked**
On-going high-risk concerns identified by the province with serious risk to residents. Owner is unable to rectify the issues. The province is closing the home.