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Mr. George Bridge
Chair, Board of Health
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit

Dear Mr. Bridge:

I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will provide the Board of Health for the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit up to \$869,100 in additional base funding for the 2019-20 funding year to support the new dental program for low income seniors. This program aims to prevent chronic disease, reduce infections and improve quality of life, while reducing burden on the health care system.

Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, will write to the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit shortly concerning the terms and conditions governing this funding.

A dental program for low-income seniors is a key example of the public health sector's important role in supporting and addressing the needs of vulnerable populations to help prevent disease, complications and hospitalizations.

We will be working closely with our key delivery partners in the public health sector over the coming weeks and months ahead to support implementation of this program.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to public health in this province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine J. Elliott".

Christine Elliott
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

c: Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit