

## **Backgrounder: Adding 300 More Continuing Care Aides to Support Home Care and Long-Term Care Services for Saskatchewan Seniors**

A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will support Saskatchewan seniors by hiring 300 more continuing care aides to deliver home care services and support seniors residing in long-term care facilities.

### **Program Details**

The 300 new continuing care aides include:

- One new care aide for every 50 residents of long-term care facilities – resulting in 180 new continuing care aides to support seniors in long-term care facilities.
- 63 new continuing care in the health care system to strengthen home care services for Saskatchewan seniors across the province.
- 57 new continuing care aides targeted towards expanding home care services in rural and remote areas, including providing after-hours and on-weekend services.

The new positions will be added following the 2021-22 Budget.

### **Background**

- The Saskatchewan Party government invests over \$950 million annually in home care services and long-term care.
- Approximately \$73 million will be invested in long-term care facilities as part of the \$7.5 billion two-year capital plan to stimulate Saskatchewan's economic recovery. These investments include:
  - \$73 million for new long-term care facilities in Grenfell and La Ronge.
  - \$7.2 million for 82 priority capital renewals in 51 long-term care facilities across the province.

In addition, the 2020-21 Budget includes:

- \$15.7 million to continue the construction of a new 72-bed long-term care facility in Meadow Lake.
- Approximately \$24 million to support maintenance in long-term care facilities.

Since 2007:

- 15 new long-term care homes have been built or are under construction.
- There are over 700 more front-line staff in long-term care facilities across the province.

**Cost: \$18.4M annually**