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## **ONTARIO GOVERNMENT APPROVES LAUNCH OF FAMILY HEALTH TEAM AT BRIDGEPOINT HEALTH**

**TORONTO** — We are pleased to announce that Bridgepoint Health was approved to establish one the 50 Family Health Teams named by The Honourables Premier Dalton McGuinty and Minister George Smitherman, earlier today. The Family Health Team initiative was launched by the McGuinty Government as part of its commitment to improving access to physician and related services all Ontarians. The initiative enables family doctors, together with a team of nurses, nurse practitioners and other health care professionals to work collaboratively to use their skills and experience to offer patients improved care – as close to home as possible.

“We are delighted that Bridgepoint will have the opportunity to contribute to the Ontario government’s vision for increased access and improved services for primary care,” said Marian Walsh, President and CEO Bridgepoint Hospital. “What will be distinctive about the Bridgepoint Family Health Team is that it will devote additional energy to designing ways to optimally support individuals living with complex, chronic health conditions. And in keeping with our Canada’s Leader vision, the Bridgepoint Family Health Team will also actively share new innovations and insights with other primary care practices.”

Bridgepoint Health is an integrated health services organization focused on providing a continuum of care for individuals in the Greater Toronto Area who are living with complex chronic disease and disability. The announcement of Bridgepoint Health’s Family Health Team comes shortly on the heels of receiving Provincial funding for a new state of the art Hospital and City of Toronto approval for a Bridgepoint campus development plan that will see the historic Don Jail renovated and the creation of new, accessible parklands in the Riverdale community in central Toronto.

Bridgepoint Health is comprised of Bridgepoint Hospital; Bridgepoint Health Research Institute; Bridgepoint Centre for Living; Bridgepoint Community Rehab; and Bridgepoint Health Foundation.

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