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The Réseau releases report on Francophones' long-term care needs in Champlain region

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Ottawa, October 8, 2020 – The **French Language Health Services Network of Eastern Ontario** ('the Réseau') recently released a '[Report on Access to Long-Term Care in French in the Champlain Region](#)'. This document reviews the current state of long-term care beds for the Francophone population in Eastern Ontario.

The report's recommendations were grouped into three categories:

1. Recommendations on official recognition of the Francophone character of certain long-term care homes;
2. Recommendations on the application of Ministry of Long-Term Care ratios to determine the number of beds required to meet the accommodation needs of Francophones aged 75 and over; and
3. Recommendations on distribution of newly announced long-term care beds in the Champlain region.

The first section recommends that the Réseau, in collaboration with Ontario's other French language health planning entities and local health authorities, develop a project to define the criteria for recognition of an agency's Francophone character; and that these criteria be submitted to the Ministry of Long-Term Care for review and approval.

The second section recommends that by applying the Ministry of Long-Term Care ratio of 85.7 beds per 1,000 Francophones 75 years of age and over, there is an overall need for 1,393 beds in the Champlain region. The report further details these numbers by the following local areas: Eastern Champlain (Prescott-Russell, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry), Eastern Ottawa, Central Ottawa, Western Ottawa and Western Champlain (Renfrew County).



Finally, the report looks ahead noting that the Government of Ontario has committed to creating a total of 15,000 new long-term care beds and recommends that the Réseau be consulted and involved in the long-term care bed allocation and reorganization process in the Champlain region.

*'Access to linguistically and culturally appropriate long-term care has long been an issue for Francophones in the Champlain region', says **Jacinthe Desaulniers**, President and CEO of the Réseau. 'As this report shows, we must remain committed to ensuring that a sufficient number of long-term care beds are created so that our Francophone seniors may live in a cultural environment that meets their needs.'*

For more information, download the ['Report on Access to Long-Term Care in French in the Champlain Region'](#).

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The Réseau is a Francophone organization that engages the community in all its diversity and the health system in order to improve the active offer and access to a continuum of quality health services in French.

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