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Ottawa One of Three First Ontario Pilot Sites for Innovative Seniors Program

Perley Health Selected to Pilot Nursing Home Without Walls in Ottawa

Ottawa, ON. April 20, 2026 – Seniors in Ottawa will soon have more support to stay in their own homes, thanks to a new program being launched for the first time in Ontario.

Perley Health has been selected as one of three pilot sites for Nursing Home Without Walls (NHWW), an innovative model that brings the services and expertise of long-term care homes into the community. The program focuses on frail seniors who are still living at home but need extra support to remain healthy and at home for as long as possible. Perley Health was selected in part because of its leadership in integrated models of care for Veterans and Seniors, its established community-based supports, and its track record of innovation in care delivery.

Nursing Home Without Walls expands the role of long-term care homes. Instead of only providing care inside their buildings, participating homes will act as community hubs, supporting seniors before they need long-term care. This pilot builds on Perley Health's broader work to support aging in the right place through integrated care, community programs, and innovation that extends beyond its campus.

Once operational, the program at Perley Health will help older adults living in the community by offering transportation assistance, navigating health and social services, and providing social programs that reduce loneliness and isolation.

Perley Health is one of three pilot sites selected across Ontario. The program will run from 2026 to 2028. All services are provided at no cost.

“At Perley Health, we know that many older adults want to remain at home for as long as possible, but that becomes much harder when care is fragmented or hard to navigate,” explains Tanya Mac Donald, Director, Seniors Living and Community Programs, Perley Health. “This pilot is a natural fit for us because it builds on our experience in integrated care, community-based supports, and innovation designed to improve quality of life. We are pleased to help test a model that could strengthen care not only in Ottawa, but across Ontario.”

The other two Ontario pilots will be located at Algoma Manor (Algoma) and Fairview Mennonite Homes (Cambridge).

The program's goal is simple: help older adults stay at home longer, safely and with the support they need. It has been championed by AdvantAge Ontario, the provincial association that represents non-profit long-term care homes, and will be funded by Healthcare Excellence Canada and The Waltons Trust.

“We saw what this model was achieving in New Brunswick and knew it would make a real difference here in Ontario,” said Lisa Levin, CEO of AdvantAge Ontario. “Nursing Home Without Walls is about supporting seniors earlier, so they can stay healthy, connected and at home, which is what most people want.”

- **Perley Health Nursing Home Without Walls:** <https://www.perleyhealth.ca/nursing-home-without-walls>

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