



### **Rehabilitative Care Alliance Update:**

The Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant (HNHB) Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Rehabilitative Care Alliance (RCA) partners have adopted the new standardized definitions and eligibility criteria for bedded and community rehabilitative care.

**Thank you to all of the HNHB LHIN RCA partners who have enabled this change.  
Thank you to the provincial RCA for the leadership and tools required to enable this change.**

Please find a brief overview of the work to date and the next steps below:

### **What is the RCA?**

The provincial RCA is funded by Ontario's 14 LHINs, the RCA works with partners across the province to strengthen and standardize rehabilitative care through better planning, performance management and evaluation and by integrating best practices across the care continuum. The HNHB LHIN RCA implements the work of the provincial RCA at the local HNHB LHIN and sub-region level.

### **Why?**

To improve the understanding of patients and families and referring partners related to what is rehabilitative care and what to expect.

### **When?**

April 1, 2017

### **There are four levels of bedded rehabilitative care:**

1. Rehabilitation, high and low intensity
2. Activation Restoration
3. Short-Term Complex Medical Management
4. Long-Term Complex Medical Management

**Bedded Referral Option Tools, information maps and tables have been developed for each sub-region of the HNHB LHIN as follows:**

- Hamilton
- Niagara
- Niagara North West
- Haldimand
- Brant
- Burlington



**There are two levels of community rehabilitative care:**

1. Progression
2. Maintenance

**Some community rehabilitative care programs in the HNHB LHIN provide both a progression and a maintenance level of rehabilitative care.**

**The next steps include:**

- Release of a provincial community referral options tool
- Development of HNHB LHIN community referral option tools by sub region
- Further development of DRAFT community RCA maps
- Communication webinars with rehabilitative care providers
- Release of provincial standardized communication tools for patients and families
- Development of HNHB LHIN communication tools for patients and families utilizing the standardized provincial format
- Engagement with patients and families to receive input and feedback related to the communication tools
- Development of a communication plan for referring partners by sub region

**Helpful communication resources attached/links provided:**

- **RCA communication power point (HNHB LHIN RCA May 1 2017)**
- Provincial RCA website [www.rehabcarealliance.ca](http://www.rehabcarealliance.ca)
  - Rehabilitative Care Alliance Definitions Framework for Community Based Levels of Rehabilitative Care  
[http://rehabcarealliance.ca/uploads/File/Final\\_Report\\_2013-15/Definitions/Def\\_Framework\\_for\\_Community\\_Based\\_Levels\\_of\\_Rehabilitative\\_Care\\_Final\\_March\\_2015\\_.pdf](http://rehabcarealliance.ca/uploads/File/Final_Report_2013-15/Definitions/Def_Framework_for_Community_Based_Levels_of_Rehabilitative_Care_Final_March_2015_.pdf)
  - Rehabilitative Care Alliance Definitions Framework for Bedded Levels of Rehabilitative Care  
[http://rehabcarealliance.ca/uploads/File/Toolbox/Definitions/Definitions\\_Framework\\_for\\_Bedded\\_Levels\\_of\\_Rehabilitative\\_Care\\_FINAL\\_Dec\\_2014\\_.pdf](http://rehabcarealliance.ca/uploads/File/Toolbox/Definitions/Definitions_Framework_for_Bedded_Levels_of_Rehabilitative_Care_FINAL_Dec_2014_.pdf)
  - Rehabilitative Care Alliance Eligibility Criteria for Bedded Levels of Rehabilitative Care  
[http://rehabcarealliance.ca/uploads/File/Toolbox/Definitions/EligibilityCriteria\\_Definitions\\_.pdf](http://rehabcarealliance.ca/uploads/File/Toolbox/Definitions/EligibilityCriteria_Definitions_.pdf)
- The Provincial Rehabilitative Care Alliance (RCA) has just released [Transforming Rehabilitative Care in Ontario](#), a report of the RCA's work over the last two years with recommendations to guide the next mandate. A shorter [summary report](#) is also available.

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