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## **Brant Community Healthcare System receives funding from provincial budget**

**Brantford, ON (May 29, 2017)** – The Brant Community Healthcare System will receive an additional \$2.4-million dollars in funding from the recent provincial budget. This additional funding will provide faster access to health care, expand crucial services and procedures and improve the experience of patients.

This investment in local healthcare is part of a provincial healthcare budget increase of 3.1%. “We are very pleased to have received this additional funding for the 2017/2018 fiscal year,” says Jim Hornell, President & CEO of the Brant Community Healthcare System. “Some of the dollars are additional base-funding and some are one-time investments.”

Officials at the Brant Community Healthcare System are carefully examining ways in which this influx of cash can most benefit patients of the healthcare system. “Some of the funds are directed specifically to quality based procedures, while some of the funds can be allocated so that we can support our nursing units during times of surge and high volumes,” adds Hornell.

BCHS has faced greater than 100% occupancy for most of the last fiscal year ending March 31 2017 and continues to see high volumes of patients arriving through the emergency department each day. “We hope this funding increase will provide some relief for this level of congestion and provide a better experience for our patients,” says Hornell.

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### **About The Brant Community Healthcare System**

The Brant Community Healthcare System is a Hamilton Niagara Top Employer, an affiliated teaching site of the McMaster University Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine and is committed to patient and staff safety. Brantford General is a regional acute care hospital and the Willett, Paris provides urgent and ambulatory care.