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Major shared service organization consolidation to improve efficiency and patient safety

TORONTO, ON – JUNE 27 2017 -- Two of Ontario's largest hospital supply chain organizations are joining forces to improve efficiency, increase standardization and enhance safety for patients across the province.

The Central Ontario Healthcare Procurement Alliance (COHPA), which represented six member hospitals, has integrated with Plexxus, making it the largest Healthcare Supply Chain Shared Service Organization in the province. Plexxus will now serve 20 hospitals which represent combined annual budgets of over \$6 billion.

The integration will maximize these hospitals' sourcing and buying power for medical supplies, equipment and services, while coordinating the management of contracts, logistics, purchasing and accounts payable. The consolidation is expected to result in over \$15 million in incremental contract savings alone within five years. Those savings will be directed back to the hospitals to invest in patient care.

"The integration of COHPA and Plexxus is clearly aligned with the provincial government's directive to improve hospital effectiveness and efficiency as we strive to sustain a safe, accessible, high quality health system in Ontario. The member hospitals have demonstrated considerable leadership by being collaborative, innovative and committed to putting patients first," says Dr. Bob Bell, Deputy Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

Plexxus serves the following hospitals:

Campbellford Memorial Hospital, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, Lakeridge Health, Mackenzie Health, Markham Stouffville Hospital, Michael Garron Hospital, Northumberland Hills Hospital, North York General, Peterborough Regional Health Centre, Ross Memorial Hospital, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Scarborough and Rouge Hospital, Sinai Health System, Southlake Regional Health Centre, St. Joseph's Health Centre, Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, University Health Network hospitals (Toronto General, Toronto Western, Princess Margaret, Toronto Rehab), Women's College Hospital

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