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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital
Carleton Place, ON

Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital most efficient hospital in Ontario

The Joint Policy & Planning Committee, a partnership of the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care and of the Ontario Hospital Association, recently released the efficiency ratings of Ontario hospitals in the 2004/05 fiscal year. The results show that the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) is the most efficient hospital in the Province. This is the second time in the last 5 years that CPDMH has been rated as the most efficient hospital in the province.

“We are thrilled with being the most efficient hospital in the Province and this achievement is directly related to the efforts and dedication of everyone associated with the Hospital. Maybe even more importantly, this was achieved while providing excellent service and care to the residents of our communities,” stated Mike Gagné, CEO of CPDMH.

“The Board is very pleased to know our hospital has once again achieved an exemplary level of efficiency. It is a great credit to the hard work and dedication of the hospital staff and physicians,” stated Ken Bennett, Chair of CPDMH Board of Directors. “We are very hopeful that the Ministry will see fit to reward this achievement by providing us with a fair increase in funding to enable us to maintain the high level of service we provide to the community.”

Efficiency is measured by the difference between expected and actual cost per weighted case. The expected cost is determined by the Ministry and is set at what it should cost to deliver one weighted case. The actual cost per weighted case is the result of dividing the total number of weighted cases by the total expenditures of the hospital. The term ‘weighted case’ refers to a value given to all the procedures and visits and represents the amount of resources needed to do the work. The values are assigned by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI).

CPDMH’s expected cost per case was \$4,069 and its actual cost was \$2,716. This is \$1,353 lower than the expected cost and an overall difference of minus 33.3%. CPDMH has the lowest actual cost and the greatest percentage difference between expected cost and actual cost. In 2004/05 CPDMH’s budget was approximately \$8.9 million and if the hospital had operated at its expected cost, the hospital would have required approximately \$2,570,700 more to operate. Instead, the hospital’s level of efficiency saved \$2,570,700 for the taxpayers of Ontario in 2004-2005.

“We are a small hospital and recognize that we can’t be everything to everybody,” stated Mr. Bennett. “However, with that being said, a fair allocation of funding would allow for expansion of services to reduce the amount of travel residents have to do in order to have the medical care they need. I think everyone would agree this is the least the community should expect and it’s the only scenario that’s acceptable.”

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