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The Ministry of Long Term Care has posted amendments to Ontario Regulation 246/22 under the Fixing Long-Term Care Act covering staffing, medication management and drug administration, and resident experience. OLTCC has been reviewing the proposed amendments and will be providing comment prior to the March 5th deadline. One change in wording called for by OLTCC is noted in the proposed amendments:

- Clarify that the medical director has a role in oversight of medical care (and not all clinical care).

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In addition to reviewing and commenting on the proposed amendments, OLTCC has also held meetings with the Minister's Office with regard to other areas of concern and will continue to do so as part of Phase 2 of the FLTCA regulations development.

The Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, also tabled a new piece of legislation entitled "Your Health Act 2023", Bill 60 to replace Independent Health Facilities Act and the Oversight of Health Facilities and Devices Act. The Act allows for surgeries and procedures to be done in privately owned clinics outside of hospitals. The biggest concern expressed by stakeholders relates to the potential drain on already strained health human resources.

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Finally, Liberal Health critic and MPP Dr. Adil Shamji tabled a Private Member's Bill to address the licensing of temporary nursing agencies. OLTCC has repeatedly raised concerns about the impact of temporary nursing agencies fees and the impact of the increase used of temporary nursing staff on the delivery of care in LTC and the moral of permanent staff.

<https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-43/session-1/bill-67>