

### New Emergency Preparedness Program for the Home Care Sector

Natural disasters, pandemics, and cyber attacks are happening much more often. You need to be prepared for whatever may come your way. That's why **igility** has launched a new program for the home care sector in collaboration with the Department of Seniors and Long-Term Care called the **Business Continuity Plan (BCP)**. It is a proactive approach to emergency preparedness and is designed to ensure everything functions quickly when disaster strikes. Publicly funded home care and home support agencies will be provided with an all hazards BCP in two phases:

1. The development of a standardized, individual BCP.
2. Purchasing the necessary equipment that supports the BCP.

This program will provide the right resources and equipment as well as access to the appropriate local partners to effectively handle an emergency. To learn more, contact **igility** at: [information@igility.ca](mailto:information@igility.ca).



### Group Purchasing for Wound Care Product Supply



With the support of the Department of Seniors and Long Term Care, HANS has arranged a group purchasing agreement with HealthPro on behalf of department-funded long-term care facilities. Under the arrangement, facilities will have ongoing reliable access to the wound care supplies they need to care for residents and spend less time on the purchasing process. Implementation of this new purchasing system will begin in April 2023 to be completed by June 2023. Once implementation is completed, the department will only reimburse wound care supplies bought through the group purchasing system. HANS will be providing support to facilities for the roll-out of the new system and will contact them with a timeline. The department will also hold a sector call in the coming weeks to provide more details, so look out for that invite.

### Indigenous Treaty Partners Training

HANS has collaborated with the Indigenous Treaty Partners to provide Indigenous cultural awareness training with a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace. This training is being offered for all HANS members free of charge. Visit <https://www.treatypartners.ca/hansitp-members-only> to access a self-serve booking system to schedule an introductory meeting to plan/schedule your session. Alternatively, you can contact Houston Barnaby directly at [houston@treatypartners.ca](mailto:houston@treatypartners.ca) or 902-225-1195.



### Resource/Policy Hub

If you're a member looking for information/policies to help your organization, you are in luck...HANS has created the Resource/Policy Hub ([www.healthassociation.ns.ca/bottom-center-menu-button](http://www.healthassociation.ns.ca/bottom-center-menu-button)). Please send

along anything you think will benefit others in the membership and it will be posted, as we are always looking for content. If you need any assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to: [alex.cross@healthassociation.ns.ca](mailto:alex.cross@healthassociation.ns.ca)

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### Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Administration

Joyce D'Entremont is the 2022 recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Administration. The medal is awarded annually to a person in public administration who exhibits the



highest standard of excellence, dedication and accomplishment. Joyce is currently Chair of the HANS Board of Directors, Vice-Chair of the Continuing Care Council, Vice-chair of Long Term Care NS, and Chair of Diverse Abilities Nova Scotia. For Joyce, this award is recognition not only for her contributions, but also for the long-term care and disability support sectors. Her team at Mountains and Meadows and her many other colleagues across the province work so hard to provide the high quality care they do. She also hopes this award will highlight the integral role the long-term care and disability support sectors play in the broader health system.

**Congratulations Joyce!**

