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HOME SUPPORT ASSOCIATION
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Press Release

Statement regarding New Brunswick Budget March 27, 2012.

The New Brunswick Home Support Association while pleased to see a modest increase in planned spending for long term care is puzzled by lack of specific funding for home care. As representatives of the home care industry we recognize that the continuum of care for our aging population begins with wellness and aging in place with services and supports that allow for seniors to remain in their own homes.

The Minister for Social Development has repeatedly indicated that New Brunswick seniors and persons with disabilities have advised government that of their desire to stay in their homes, yet monies for training and developing staff to care for increasingly complex cases in the home has not been forthcoming. “An education plan addressing the changing needs of our clients has been on the table of government for two years.” Janet Gee Executive Director for the Association said. “The last contract for our members stripped the agencies’ ability to invest in further training.”

The New Brunswick Home Support Association representing over 50 agencies and 3500 staff in the province wide care of New Brunswick.