

Update on Bill 10

Bill 10, which was recently adopted by the provincial government, completely restructures the Quebec health care system. Besides abolishing the Agence de la santé et Services sociaux, the bill reduces the number of medical establishments from 182 to 33 Centre Intégré de santé et service sociaux (CISSS) or Centre Intégré Universitaire de santé et service sociaux (CIUSSS) if affiliated with a University. Jewish Eldercare Centre and Donald Berman Maimonides falls into the group known as CIUSSS Centre-Ouest de l'Île (Centre -West), which include the following: The Jewish General Hospital, Miriam Home and Services, Mount Sinai, CSSS Cavendish, CSSS de la Montagne and Constance-Lethbridge. The bill is to take effect on April 1st, 2015.

Previously, each organization had a separate board of directors and team of managers. As of April 1, each CISSS will have its own board and team of administrators. With the introduction of several amendments to the original bill, organizations which were designated bilingual will continue to offer services in English and French. In addition, organizations such as DBM and JEC which were built by the community, will retain their Corporations and the rights that go with it.

The new CIUSSS does not affect the Foundations. The Foundations will continue to fundraise as it always has with funds designated for our institutions. The continued generosity and support of our current and future donors will carry our legacy into the future.

Our centres have made our founders proud delivering high quality care to our residents. With this realignment, that will not change. The values and uniqueness of our centres will remain strong, with our attention focused on providing the best care to our residents.