



## News Release

### Minister opens new facility for rehabilitative services

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (November 25, 2005)** –Leona Aglukkaq, the Minister of Health and Social Services, today opened a new facility for physiotherapy, occupational therapy and audiology services for the Baffin.

“Timimut Ikajuqsivik offers more room and enhanced services,” said Aglukkaq. “We will have greater capacity to treat people here in Nunavut who would otherwise go out of territory for treatment, thanks to more specialist clinics and treatment rooms.”

*Timimut Ikajuqsivik* means ‘the place to heal your body’ in the South Baffin dialect of Inuktitut. The name was chosen through consultation with staff in the region. It occupies the ground floor of Building 1079, near the Iqaluit Airport.

A \$176,000 contribution from the federal Primary Health Care Transition fund paid for the building’s renovations. These changes were needed to meet the needs of the health specialties now in place.

Clients can be served both in Iqaluit and, through Telehealth, in other communities. While no new staffs have been hired, the larger facilities will allow for future growth. As well, other primary health care services such as Home Care will move into Timimut Ikajuqsivik in the months to come. This will promote inter-disciplinary collaboration as well as service quality.

“Timimut Ikajuqsivik is another part of our *Closer to Home* strategy for making health care more accessible for Nunavummiut,” said Aglukkaq. “It is a resource and innovative use of our limited health resources and will serve us well for many years to come.”

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