

PROVINCE: Alberta

Gatekeeper: Alberta Health Services

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Access: Accessing the continuing care system can be initiated by ANYONE. Your family doctor, or Primary Care Network (PCN) office or one of five Community Care Access Centres – North, Edmonton, Central, Calgary or South. A continuing care Case Manager will meet with you and will perform an assessment to determine your unmet healthcare needs. Your first step is to call Health Link at 811 to arrange for your assessment.

Eligibility: Any Albertan can receive continuing care services, no matter their age, diagnosis or the length of time they need support. Eligibility is based entirely on a professional assessment of a person's unmet need for care. The ability to pay will not be a barrier to accessing continuing care living options.

Services Available: Home Care, Adult Day Care Programs, Supportive Living, Designated Supportive Living, Long-Term Care, Hospice and End of Life Care.

Home Care: The Home Care Program provides personal and health care services for clients of all ages living in their home or other private residential settings, such as suites in a seniors lodge or supportive living facility.

Costs: Health and personal care services provided through the Home Care Program are publicly funded and provided at no cost to eligible Albertans. Home support services such as homemaking assistance may also be available, but a client co-payment fee for these services may apply.

Designated Supportive Living & Long Term Care: These services are publicly funded, and facilities are operated either directly by Alberta Health Services or by contracted care providers.

Costs: The Alberta government sets the maximum accommodation Rates are adjusted every July 1st based on the Alberta Price Index. Current maximum monthly rates as of July 1, 2019 range from \$1,705 for a standard room to \$2,074 for a private room. In designated supportive living and long-term care facilities, accommodation charges may be fully or partly covered for residents who are eligible.