

PROVINCE: BRITISH COLUMBIA

Gatekeeper: BC is divided into five regional health authorities, Fraser, Interior, Island, Northern and Vancouver Health Authorities.

Access: Contact the local health authority to arrange an assessment. Health care professionals, such as a doctor, nurse, pharmacist or social worker, can also make a referral on client's behalf.
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/accessing-health-care/home-community-care/how-to-arrange-for-care>

Eligibility: Canadian citizen
BC resident for minimum three months
19+ years of age
Unable to function independently due to chronic health problems

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Services Available:

Community nursing/rehabilitation
Adult day programs
Home support
Assisted living
Long Term care services

Costs:

Home care – assessed by the appropriate health authority - subsidized by the Ministry of Health
Assessed rates vary based on the facility and location within specific Health Authority Regions.

Long Term Care: The minimum monthly rate is adjusted each year based on changes to the Old Age Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement (OAS/GIS) rate as of July 1 of the previous year. For 2020, the minimum monthly rate for a client receiving **long-term care** services is \$1,189.70 per month. Maximum: \$3444.60

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/accessing-health-care/home-community-care/care-options-and-cost>