

## **PROVINCE: NEW BRUNSWICK**

### **Gatekeeper: Department of Social Development**

<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/sd-ds/pdf/LTC/LongTermCare-e.pdf>

**Access:** There are 8 Regional Offices of the Department of Social Development: Acadian Peninsula: Chaleur: Edmundston: Miramichi: Fredericton: Saint John: Moncton & Restigouche

#### **Eligibility:**

Seniors whose functional needs require long term supports to supplement their abilities and/or the ability of their care giver to help them carry out activities of daily living. The Department of Social Development must approve all requests for services in nursing homes - even if the client will be paying full cost.

**Services Available:** Home Support, Day Activity for Seniors, Special Care Homes (i.e. Dementia Care), Nursing Homes (client must be medically stable), Relief (Respite) Care

**Home care:** Home support services can help with the senior's daily activities such as personal care (ex: bathing, grooming, feeding), light housekeeping, and meal preparation. These services can also include relief to caregivers. Clients can choose to receive home support services from approved Home Support Agencies or from private individuals.

**Costs:** In-home support services and residential services are not covered by Medicare. For those individuals who require financial assistance from the department, a contribution scale is used to determine the senior's contribution towards the cost of the service.

**Long-Term Care:** Long-term care facilities are licensed and funded by the Department of Health and Wellness. There are two types of facilities available, nursing homes and residential care.

**Costs:** LTC Services are also not covered by Medicare. If a client can afford to pay for nursing home room and board costs from income, they must do so. If the client cannot afford the costs, they can apply to the Department for a financial subsidy. The amount a nursing home resident may have to pay to cover the costs of the nursing home, including room and board services, can vary. Currently, the maximum amount is \$113 per day. On a monthly basis, this would amount to

about \$3,437. This amount may be adjusted from time to time. The Department of Social Development will cover the costs of nursing and rehabilitation services for residents in nursing homes.