

PROVINCE: PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Gatekeeper: Health P.E.I., Home Care Office -

Access: There are 5 Regional Home Care Offices, Souris, Montague, Charlottetown, Summerside & O'Leary. Contact the appropriate Office. A Care Coordinator will be assigned to evaluate needs through a standard health assessment review.

Eligibility: be a resident of PEI; have a valid PEI Health Card; have Canadian citizenship or be a landed immigrant and present in PEI for six months or more.

Services Available: Nursing Care, Home Support, Palliative Care, Family Counseling for illness, loss or end-of-life issues. Dietitian Services, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Adult Protection, Adult Day Programs, Long Term Care – assessment for nursing home admission.

Home care: Provides in home services for those who need support to continue living safely at home, have been released from hospital and are recovering from surgery or an acute medical condition, or have an ongoing health issue requiring more care than family can provide. Services are provided based on assessed need for a defined period of time. A [Home Care Referral form](#) will need to be completed and submitted to the local Home Care Office.

Long-Term Care: Home Care will assess needs and eligibility for [long-term care](#). Long-term care is provided by several public and private nursing facilities across the province. Must be 60 years of age or older and have been assessed as needing nursing level of care or if under 60 years of age, assessed as needing nursing level of care and no other reasonable alternative exists.

Costs: Long-term care costs are shared by the resident, and the provincial government. Residents pay accommodation costs and personal expenses. Health PEI pays health care costs. The Department of Health and Wellness sets standard accommodation charges annually. Those with a net annual income of **less than \$36,000** may qualify for a government subsidy. Contact the Long-term Care Subsidization Program at **1-888-365-5313** or view the [Nursing Home Cost of Accommodations](#) and [Facts about Care Home Costs](#)