Residential facilities

How government-subsidized nursing homes work

Nursing homes provide 24-hour professional nursing care and supervision for people who have complex care needs and can no longer be cared for in their own homes.

Admissions to subsidized nursing homes or beds (subsidized beds within a private nursing home) are managed by the Health Authority. An assessment by a case manager from the Health Authority will determine the client’s eligibility for services, health care needs and whether the client will be required to pay towards the cost of services. During the assessment, the case manager from the Health Authority may ask to see war veteran and pension cheque stubs as well as the client’s most recent income tax return or notice of assessment because the fee for subsidized nursing homes is based on income level.

Subsidized nursing home clients may have to pay up to 80 per cent of their after-tax income, subject to minimum and maximum rates.

How private nursing homes work – no government subsidy

A senior may choose to live in a private nursing home and pay the full fees charged by that nursing home. Each individual private nursing home has its own admissions procedure, waiting lists and fees. Generally, private nursing homes will have higher fees than government-subsidized nursing homes.

How retirement homes work – no government subsidy

A retirement home in British Columbia is a multi-residence facility that provides accommodation and services such as meals and cleaning services for older people. Retirement homes in the province are privately owned and not managed by the provincial government. Generally, private retirement homes have higher fees than government-subsidized nursing homes.
Home care

How government-subsidized home care works

Home support services are designed to help clients remain independent and in their own home for as long as possible. Home support provides personal assistance with daily activities, such as bathing, dressing, grooming and light household tasks.

To apply for subsidized home care, a senior must contact his/her local Health Authority for an assessment. The case manager from the Health Authority may ask to see war veteran and pension cheque stubs as well as the client’s most recent income tax return or notice of assessment as there may be a daily charge, depending on the client’s income.

Private home care – no government subsidy

As Health Authority resources are limited, many seniors don’t get the care they need from Health Authority services and have to rely on private home care services.

How the adult day care program works

Adult day programs are designed for special needs adults, physically located in the community, to provide a safe group setting during the day when family members are not available to care for them. These centres are usually open daily, Mondays through Fridays (some on Saturdays as well). Adult day programs can be public or private, non-profit or for-profit.

Adult day programs in British Columbia are managed and operated by and accessed through the Health Authority.

Costs

Case management, nursing and rehabilitation services are provided free of charge. A daily charge for home support services may apply, depending on income. (For most clients, there is no charge.)

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* Fees range depending on what kind of nurse, such as a registered nurse (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), delivers care.

Costs

Includes lunch Daily rate
With transportation to the centre $10.00