

Accessing a Continuing Care Home in Alberta: Supporting Transitions in Care

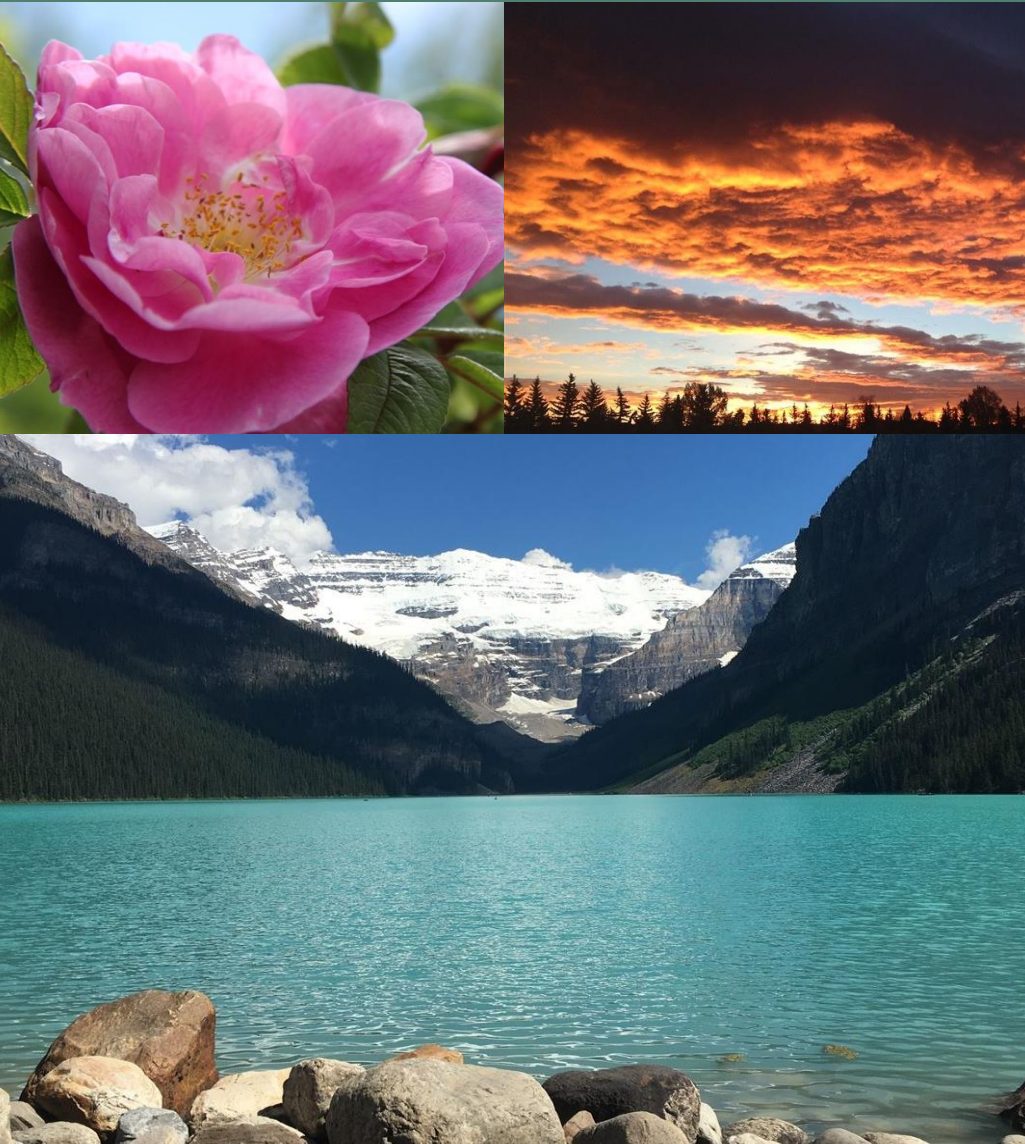
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Policy, Practice, Access
& Case Management



Land Acknowledgement

Provincial Seniors Health and Continuing Care would like to recognize that our work takes place on historical and contemporary Indigenous lands, including the territories of **Treaties 6, 7 & 8** and the homeland of the Métis.

Accessing a Continuing Care Home in Alberta: Supporting Transitions in Care Guide

After attending this session, you will be able to:

1. Define key terms.
2. Explain the purpose of the Guide.
3. Describe the process/steps to access a CCH in Alberta.
4. Provide an overview of the resources that support transitions in care.

Key Terms

Continuing Care Home (CCH)

- CCH means a facility or part of a facility where facility-based care is provided to residents, some of whom must be eligible residents.

Home and Community Care (HCC)

- HCC means the prescribed health goods and services and prescribed other goods and services that are provided by a home and community care provider to an eligible individual in the individual's home or community but does not include facility-based care or supportive living services.

Key Terms

Coordinated Access

- Coordinated access is the framework that guides continuity of care, improves access to information, supports system navigation and ensures all individuals have access to case management services.

Waitlist Management

- Waitlist management includes the required processes to fairly and equitably prioritize the waitlist for CCHs, prioritize capacity across the health system and manage CCH vacancy.

Waitlist

- The waitlist is a prioritized list of patients waiting for admission to a CCH who have been assessed and approved.

Key Terms

Comprehensive Assessment

- Comprehensive assessment is a compilation of the standardized assessment and all secondary assessments.

Standardized Assessment

- In Alberta, the interRAI suite of tools are used as the standardized assessment and screening tool. Assessment for CCH requires completion of the RAI-HC or interRAI HC.

Secondary Assessment

- Secondary assessments are completed when indicated by the standardized assessment either due to screening or other outcomes.

Purpose of the Guide

Supports consistency of information sharing

Reduces artificial barriers to access within Alberta such as zone or community boundaries

Provides a consistent process for moves from another jurisdiction within Canada

Why did we develop the Supporting Transitions in Care Guide?

Expanded on existing processes to improve access to CCH for First Nations community members

Developed a consistent provincial process for accessing a CCH from another Canadian jurisdiction



Process to Access a CCH



ASSESSMENT &
DOCUMENTATION



APPLICATION
SUBMISSION &
REVIEW



WAITLIST
APPROVAL



WAITLIST
MANAGEMENT



BED OFFER



ADMISSION TO
CCH

Required Resources - Governance



Access to a Designated Living Option in Continuing Care Policy



Designated Living Option: Access and Waitlist Management Procedure

Required Resources – Clinical Practice



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Continuing Care Home Waitlist Referral Form

What does the guide provide?



Overview of access and waitlist management in Alberta



Review of eligibility



Summary of financial considerations



Referral process and supplemental resources

What does the form provide?



Application including assessment details



Contact information for all parties



Waitlist referral checklist to guide document provision



Key definitions

Supplemental Resources

Resource for clients and families

[Moving to a New Home in Continuing Care - An information and decision-making guide for patients and families](#)

Resource for health care professionals

[Designated Living Option Guide for Case Managers](#)

Summary



Provides a consistent process for all health professionals to follow.



People can remain in their communities to be assessed by a local health professional who is familiar to them.



All clients are required to follow the same process and answer the same questions when applying for a continuing care home.

Links to Resources

[AHS Website](#)

- Home > Information For > Health Professionals > Teams > [Continuing Care](#)
 - [Accessing a Continuing Care Home in Alberta: Supporting Transitions in Care Guide](#)
 - [Continuing Care Home Waitlist Referral](#)

[Continuing Care Connection](#)

- Home > Resources > Practice Resources > [Coordinated Access](#)

Questions?

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