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Admission to a Nursing Home (Public or Private)

Overview

Nursing homes provide residents access to appropriate nursing care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Nursing homes also provide accommodation (room and board) services, personal care and medical services. Nursing homes include public nursing manors, licensed private nursing homes as well as licensed nursing beds in private combined nursing /community care facilities.

Eligibility for Admission

Admission to a nursing home is available to residents of Prince Edward Island who have been assessed as needing a nursing home level of care and meet the admission criteria outlined on page 2.

For information on eligibility for nursing home admission, you can contact the **Home Care Office** in your area:

O’Leary	Community Hospital	(902) 859-8730
Summerside	Wedgewood Manor	(902) 888-8440
Charlottetown	Hillsborough Hospital	(902) 368-4790
Montague	Riverview Manor	(902) 838-0786
Souris	Souris Hospital	(902) 687-7096

Criteria for Nursing Home Admission

Residency:

An application for admission may be made by a resident of PEI who:

1. Holds Canadian citizenship or is a landed immigrant (a non-Canadian who has established residence in Canada and who holds a visa entitling permanent residence in Canada);
2. Is ordinarily present for six months or more in Prince Edward Island; and
3. Holds a valid Provincial Health Card for Prince Edward Island.

* An individual who does not meet the eligibility criteria as outlined above may make application for admission to a nursing home and request consideration for admission on an *exceptional status* basis by the Director of Long Term Care.

Age:

Admission to a nursing home is normally limited to individuals who are sixty years of age or older.

A person under sixty years of age may be considered for admission if they require the level of care which can only be provided in a nursing home environment and no other appropriate alternative exists.

Assessment:

An individual's care needs will be evaluated through a standard health assessment review. This assessment is used to determine if the individual requires nursing care to continue to meet their basic daily healthcare requirements.

If the assessment concludes that daily nursing care is required and the individual is medically stable, they are eligible for nursing home admission. However the specifically identified care needs for a individual must be met with the resources available in a nursing home setting before his/her admission is approved.

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