



## Long-term Care in Nursing Homes in PEI – *Fact Sheet*

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### Explanation of Terms

<b>Accommodation Costs/Services</b>	<p>Refers to services covered by the resident including meal services, laundry services, housekeeping and maintenance, social/recreational activities and basic trust account services.</p>
<b>Application for Subsidization</b>	<p>Application for subsidization must be completed by the applicant and applicant's spouse and is treated as a joint application by both spouses if the applicant resides with his/her spouse at the time of application.</p>
<b>Assessed Income</b>	<p>The net income of the applicant for the preceding tax year as reported on the applicant's Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) <i>Income Tax and Benefit Return</i> (Line 236) less certain exemptions set out in the Act such as lump sum or one time amounts reported as income in the year being assessed.</p> <p>Where an applicant has a spouse living in the community, the net income of both people is included in the assessment total and the result is split on a 50/50 basis to determine the assessed income of the applicant.</p>
<b>Basic Health Care Services</b>	<p>Services funded by Health PEI for all nursing home residents, including nursing and personal care, incontinence and infection control measures and basic stock supplies for hygiene and grooming.</p>
<b>Comfort Allowance</b>	<p>An allowance provided to subsidized residents for the purchase of items for their personal use, comfort and recreation. This allowance may also be used for the purchase of special need items which are not covered in the basic health care costs funded by government.</p>
<b>Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Notice of Assessment</b>	<p>Refers to the document sent by the Canada Revenue Agency to each person filing an income tax return which verifies or adjusts information reported on the taxpayer's tax return.</p>

<b>Nursing Home</b>	Refers to government manors and licensed nursing care beds in private nursing homes which provide long-term nursing care service. There are currently nine manors and nine private nursing homes operating on PEI.
<b>Personal Expenses</b>	Costs for which residents are responsible and include, but are not limited to, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dental service, internet/cable, telephone service, hairdressing, clothing, dry cleaning, personal equipment, ambulance service and general transportation.
<b>Self-Paying Resident</b>	A resident who pays for the accommodation portion of his/her cost in a nursing home.
<b>Special Needs</b>	Refers to equipment or devices for the individual use of a nursing home resident which are not included as part of the funded basic health care services and for which the resident pays. These include dentures, eye glasses, hearing aids, customized walkers or seating devices.
<b>Spouse</b>	Refers to a husband or wife of the applicant or a person who is not married to the applicant but lives with the applicant as if they were married.
<b>Subsidized Resident</b>	A resident who has been assessed by means of an income test as being eligible for subsidization under the <i>Long-Term Care Subsidization Act</i> and Regulations, and receives assistance towards the accommodation portion of his/her cost in a nursing home.

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