

Subsidized Assisted Living

What is publicly funded Assisted Living?

- A housing model that offers care and support for eligible residents
- Governed by the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*
- Does not fall under the regulations of the *Residential Tenancy Act*
- Registered and regulated by the Office of Assisted Living Registrar

Who is eligible to reside in Assisted Living?

To access and continue to reside in publicly funded Assisted Living you must meet all of the following:

- You are eligible for Home & Community Care services
- You require scheduled personal care assistance
- You require hospitality services – meals, housekeeping, recreation support, emergency response
- You are able to make decisions on your own behalf or live with a spouse who is willing and able to make decisions on your behalf
- You may be at significant risk in your current living environment (falls, isolation, poor nutrition)
- You do not behave in ways that put the safety of others at risk.
- You have stable health conditions
- Final decision regarding entry/suitability is made at the entry assessment with the operator and Assisted Living case manager not at the time of application

People who are able to make decisions on their own behalf are:

- Able to function safely with the supports available in the residence
- Able to recognize the consequences of taking risks
- Able to find their way within the residence
- Able to find their way back to the residence
- Able to communicate effectively; verbally or non-verbally so they are understood by others
- Able to initiate a complaint to family or the Assisted Living Registrar
- Able to participate in the development and regular review of their care plan or make their needs known to the person they live with who then participates in the development of the care plan
- Able to recognize an emergency, use an emergency response system or summon help, and take direction in an emergency situation



What does VIHA Assisted Living include?

- A private lockable unfurnished suite
- Common dining room and social spaces
- Two meals a day (lunch and dinner) in a common dining room
- Weekly light housekeeping of your suite
- Weekly laundering of your linens (sheets and towels)
- Social and recreational opportunities
- 24 hour emergency response system
- Scheduled personal care assistance (bathing, grooming, dressing) as discussed with your Case Manager

What are you responsible for?

- \$15.00/month Hydro charge
- Security / damage deposit
- Tenant household insurance
- Cable
- Telephone
- Internet
- Foot care
- Companion visits
- Travel to medical appointments
- Purchase of groceries
- Picking up medications from the pharmacy or being home at time of delivery

How much does it cost?

- 70% of your after tax income (net income) each month
- The full package of services is not optional
- Your rate is charged even if you choose not to use all the services
- You must file an income tax form each year
- Your rate is calculated each October for the following year
- Contact your Assisted Living Case Manager if you have questions



What if my health changes?

You may continue to reside in Assisted Living as long as:

- Your health conditions remain stable
- You can make decisions on your own behalf (or live with a spouse who is willing and able to make decision on your behalf)
- Your care needs do not exceed what can be provided in Assisted Living

In the event that you experience:

- A permanent decline in your health condition
- A significant increase in your care needs
- An inability to make decision on your own behalf that can not be reversed

A move from Assisted Living to a more appropriate setting is compulsory under the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*. The Assisted Living Case Manager assesses your current status and determines if you may continue to safely reside in assisted living. If not, they assist you and your family to secure a more appropriate setting.