

Flowchart – Alternatives to a Retirement Home

ASSESSMENT OF RESIDENT

Under ss. 62(1) or (12) of the Retirement Homes Act, 2010



Does resident appear to be eligible for admission to a long-term care home?*



Resident may be eligible for admission to a long-term care home



Can resident's care needs continue to be met at the retirement home?



- Provide resident or SDM with information regarding admission to a long-term care home; and
- provide resident or SDM with information regarding alternatives to living in the retirement home**



No further action required NO NO

Provide resident or SDM with information regarding alternatives to living in a retirement home**



Does resident or SDM request that the retirement home contact the placement coordinator?



Contact the placement coordinator on behalf of the resident or SDM



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Note: "SDM" means the resident's substitute decision-maker

- * Refer to the back of this page for guidance regarding eligibility for admission to a long-term care home
- ** Refer to the back of this page for guidance regarding alternatives to a retirement home

Text in red indicates an action that the retirement home licensee is required to document (for example, in each resident's personal file, or in a separate log) and report to the RHRA annually, using the Annual Reporting Form

No further action required No further action required

Eligibility for Admission to a Long-Term Care Home

Long-term care homes can provide a residential alternative for people with high care needs, who:

- require nursing care available on site 24 hours a day, assistance with activities of daily living at
 frequent intervals throughout the day, or on-site supervision or monitoring to ensure safety or
 well-being at frequent intervals throughout the day;
- have health-care needs that cannot be met with any combination of caregiving in the home or community;
- have health-care needs that can be met in a long-term care home;
- are 18 years of age or older; and
- have a valid Ontario Health Card.

Information regarding caregiving in the home or community is available on the Community Care Access Center website, under "Getting Care": http://www.ccac-ont.ca/

Licensees are only required to consider whether a resident *may be eligible* for admission to a long-term care home. Whether a person is eligible for admission to a long-term care home is a determination made by a placement co-ordinator under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*.

A complete list of eligibility criteria is set out in subsection 155(1) of Ontario Regulation 79/10 made under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007:*http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/source/regs/english/2010/elaws_src_regs_r10079 e.htm

Licensees are encouraged to review the eligibility criteria set out in subsection 155(1) of Ontario Regulation 79/10 on a regular basis.

Alternatives to a Retirement Home

Alternatives may not always be limited to facilities providing a higher degree of specialized care services, such as long-term care homes.

Some examples of alternatives are:

- Living with family
- A private residence with assistance provided by private care providers
- A private residence with assistance provided through community care access centres
- Another retirement home that provides the specialized care services required by the resident
- Various forms of hospital care
- A long-term care home