

FACT SHEET:

Alternatives to Living in a Retirement Homes

Introduction

The *Retirement Homes Act, 2010* (Act) requires retirement homes to provide residents with information and assistance regarding alternatives to living in the retirement home. There are a number of instances when this must occur including: an assessment indicates a resident meets certain criteria set out in the regulations, the home is reducing care services or the home is ceasing to operate.

Based on Assessment

If an assessment indicates the home cannot meet the care needs of a resident, the home must give the resident information about other alternatives to living in the home.

If the assessment indicates the resident is eligible for long-term care, the home must give the resident information about applying to a long-term care home. If the resident requests, the home must make contact with a placement coordinator under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007* to give the resident information about alternatives to living in the home. The home must also document the action it takes for these residents and submit that documentation to the Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority on an annual basis.

Reduction in Care Services

If a resident indicates they will no longer reside in the home as a result of the home reducing care services, the home must take reasonable steps to find appropriate alternative accommodation for the resident. There are other Act requirements the home must follow if it is considering reducing care services, including providing a 90-day written notice to the resident.

Ceasing to Operate a Retirement Home

If a home is planning to cease operating, and the resident requests assistance, the home must take reasonable steps to find appropriate alternative accommodation for the resident. There are other Act requirements the home must follow if it is considering ceasing to operate, including providing 120 days written notice to the resident.

The *Retirement Homes Act, 2010* is available at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca

For more details about the home's obligations consult the following in the Act and regulations:

	Act	Regulations
Assessment	63 (2-3)	49(1-2)
Reduction in Care Services	44 (1)(d)	6
Ceasing to Operate	49 (1)(d)	7(3)

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