

# Indigenous Continuing Care in Nova Scotia

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In Nova Scotia, individuals living in Mi'kmaw communities have access to continuing care services through provincially and federally funded programs. This fact sheet outlines the services that are provided through the Province of Nova Scotia. Eligibility for provincial continuing care services varies, depending on whether a person lives in a Mi'kmaw community and whether they are a Registered Status individual under the federal Indian Act and therefore have access to similar federally funded services.

**Non-Status individuals living outside of a Mi'kmaw community** can access all provincial continuing care services.

**Status individuals living outside of a Mi'kmaw community** can access many continuing care services listed in the table in this fact sheet, but there are some exceptions.

**Non-Status individuals living in a Mi'kmaw community** can access provincial continuing care services through Nova Scotia Health. While some Bands in Nova Scotia do provide these individuals with access to home and community care services through the local health centre, others do not. Contact your local health centre for more information.

**Status individuals living in a Mi'kmaw community** can access provincial continuing care services that are not provided by federal programs.

For information about federal programs provided through Indigenous Services Canada visit:

First Nations and Inuit Home and Community Care Program:  
[First Nations and Inuit home and community care \(sac-isc.gc.ca\)](https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca)

Assisted Living Program: [Assisted Living Program \(sac-isc.gc.ca\)](https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca)

The availability of other services varies by community.

<b>Provincial Continuing Care Service</b>	<b>Status and Non-Status: Living Outside of a Mi'kmaw Community</b>	<b>Non-Status: Living in a Mi'kmaw Community</b>	<b>Status: Living in a Mi'kmaw Community</b>	<b>Does the Program have fees?</b>
<b>Home Care</b>				
<b>Acute Nursing Services</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No fee
<b>Chronic Nursing Services</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No fee
<b>Home Support Services</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Fees

<b>Long Term Care</b>				
<b>Regular bed in LTC Facility</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fees
<b>Respite bed in LTC Facility</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fees

<b>Other Continuing Care Programs</b>				
<b>Caregiver Benefit</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No fee
<b>Personal Alert Assistance Program</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes*	No fee
<b>Supportive Care Program</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No fee
<b>Self-Managed Care</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Fees
<b>Home Oxygen</b>	Yes	Yes	No**	Fees
<b>Help Bed Loan Program</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No fee

\*Available to status individuals who do not receive income assistance through Indigenous Services Canada

\*\*Status individuals have access to oxygen services through Non-Insured Health Benefits offered through Indigenous Services Canada