

Overview of First Nation Eligibility for Provincial Continuing Care Programs

Registered First Nations living on-Reserve in Nova Scotia have access to home-based health care and residential care through provincially and federally funded programs. This fact sheet series describes the continuing care services that are provided on-Reserve through the Province of Nova Scotia. Eligibility for provincial continuing care services varies, depending on whether a person lives on-Reserve 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 off-Reserve can access all provincial continuing care services.

Status individuals living off-Reserve can access many continuing care service listed in the table in this fact sheet, but there are some exceptions.

Non-Status individuals living on-Reserve can access provincial continuing care services through their district health authority (DHA). 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 on-Reserve can access provincial continuing care services that are not provided by the First Nation & Inuit Home and Community Care Program (for more information visit www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/services/home-domicile/index-eng.php) or the Assisted Living Program through Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. The availability of non-essential services varies by Band.

Continuing Care Service	Status and Non-Status off-Reserve	Non-Status on-Reserve	Status on-Reserve	Does the Program have fees?
Home Care				
Acute Nursing Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	No fee
Chronic Nursing Services	Yes	Yes	No	No fee
Home Support Services	Yes	Yes	No	Fees
Discharge Planning from Hospital	Yes	Yes	Yes	No fee
Long Term Care (LTC)				
Regular bed in LTC Facility	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fees
Respite bed in LTC Facility	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fees
Other Continuing Care Programs				
Caregiver Benefit	Yes	Yes	Yes	No fee
Personal Alert Assistance Program	Yes	Yes	Yes*	No fee
Supportive Care Program	Yes	Yes	No	No fee
Self-Managed Care	Yes	Yes	No	Fees
Home Oxygen **	Yes	Yes	No	Fees
Help Bed Loan Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	No fee
Adult Protection Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	No fee
Protection for Persons in Care	Yes	Yes	Yes	No fee

* Specific to status individuals who do not receive income assistance through Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.

**Status individuals have access to oxygen services through Non-Insured Health Benefits offered through Health Canada and as a result, are not eligible for provincial home oxygen services.