

# Continuing Care

*Living well in a place you call home.*

## Seniors Community Wheelchair Loan Program

The Seniors Community Wheelchair Loan Program provides new and recycled wheelchairs (manual and/or electric) to eligible residents of Nova Scotia to support them in their homes and communities.

### **How do I qualify for this program?**

To qualify for this program, you:

- ▶ Are a resident of Nova Scotia with a Valid Nova Scotia health card number;
- ▶ Are 65 years of age or older at the time of application;
- ▶ Have been assessed by an authorized health care provider (Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist);
- ▶ Require assistance because of a long-term disability, chronic illness, or terminal illness;
- ▶ Agree to sign a consent form for the safe and proper use of your wheelchair;
- ▶ Have a net annual household income within category A of the home care income table. and
- ▶ Are not covered by other programs such as private insurance or other publicly funded organizations.

### **How do I know if this program is right for me?**

To determine if you qualify for the Seniors Community Wheelchair Loan Program call Nova Scotia Health Continuing Care at the toll-free number, **1-800-225-7225**, if you are eligible, an occupational or physiotherapist will arrange a time to meet with you to complete an assessment.

### **Will the wheelchair fit me and meet my specific needs?**

You will be assessed by a health care provider who is skilled in the fitting of wheelchairs. The assessment will determine proper fit and make sure the

wheelchair you receive meets your needs, if you already have a chair through this program and your needs change, call Nova Scotia Health Continuing Care for a reassessment.

*Note: If it is determined that a recycled wheelchair is available and can be adapted to suit your needs, that recycled wheelchair will be provided by this program.*

### **What happens if I move into Long Term Care?**

You can keep the wheelchair as long as you are living in the community and it is serviceable. Upon entry to a long term care facility the wheelchair will remain with you and a referral for reassessment will be initiated. A transition plan will be put in place for you to get a wheelchair through the Specialized Equipment Program in long term care.

