

Prairie Mountain Health strives to provide the most appropriate care in the most appropriate setting. It is very important that acute care beds are available for those that require acute care services, for example: heart attacks, stroke, trauma, surgery, palliative care. If you are in hospital and waiting to go to a Personal Care Home, there may be a possibility that you will have to be moved to another facility to wait. This facility may or may not be in the same community to which you are currently receiving care and/or where you reside. Every effort will be made to arrange for care as close to home as possible. If you are required to move to another community, you will be given as much notice as possible, but it may happen quickly.

If you have any questions, please call your Case Coordinator.

Your Case Coordinator is: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Prairie Mountain Health Home Care Program



Planning to Move to a Personal Care Home

Since many things happen during an assessment for Personal Care Home (PCH) placement, it is important to understand the assessment process and how a move to a personal care home happens.

First, an assessment/application called an “A and A” is filled out by your Home Care Case Coordinator in consultation with you and your family and the healthcare team. This information gives us a clear picture of your care needs, shows if you are eligible for PCH placement and if your care needs can be managed in the PCH environment.

On the application/assessment form you are asked to identify preferred choices for PCH placement.

There are 43 Personal Care Homes within Prairie Mountain Health.

In order to help you identify your first choice PCH, it is suggested that you or your family arrange a tour of desired homes.

Once your application has been filled out, your Home Care Case Coordinator takes it to the Personal Care Home Placement Panel. The Panel ensures that a PCH placement is the best choice for you. If your application is accepted, your name is put on PCH waitlist(s). You will then receive an acceptance letter stating your panel date. If your application is not accepted you will be contacted directly to discuss further options.

Your application will be reviewed according to:

- the available spaces in the personal care home you have chosen
- the ability of the personal care home to safely meet your care needs
- panel date

When a bed is available and your application is being considered for a chosen PCH, a nurse or a social worker from that home contacts you and/or your family to discuss your move.

If you are at home and waiting for placement and are having trouble managing, you may be required to wait for your first choice home in a different facility within Prairie Mountain Health. This is called ‘interim’ placement. You will begin to pay the charges for personal care, effective your panel date, when waiting in a Prairie Mountain Health facility. Your application remains on the list(s) for your choice of personal care home(s).