

Bulletin to Residents of Long-Term Care Homes: Important News Regarding Long-Term Care Home Accommodations Charges

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Basic Accommodation Rates

On July 1, 2017, the co-payment that residents pay for basic accommodation in long-term care (LTC) homes **will increase by \$0.83 per day from \$58.99 per day to \$59.82 per day**, consistent with recent inflationary increases. This will help cover the rising costs of meals and accommodation.

Preferred Accommodation Rates

The maximum charges will also be increasing for residents admitted to newer preferred accommodation beds **on or after July 1, 2017**. The premium charged for semi-private accommodation will increase by \$0.17 from \$12.13 to \$12.30 per day, and the premium for private accommodation will increase by \$0.35 from \$25.28 to \$25.63 per day.

The table below provides the new rates that will apply as of July 1, 2017 to all types of accommodation based on a residents' date of admission to the bed.

Type of Accommodation	Daily Rate	Monthly
Long-Stay Resident:		
Basic	\$59.82	\$1,819.53
Semi-Private		
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2015.	\$72.12	\$2,193.65
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after September 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2015.	\$71.09	\$2,162.32
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2013, but prior to September 1, 2014.	\$70.07	\$2,131.30
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2012, but prior to July 1, 2013.	\$69.04	\$2,099.97
Residents occupying older beds, or residents admitted to newer beds prior to July 1, 2012.	\$68.02	\$2,068.94

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Private

Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2015.	\$85.45	\$2,599.11
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after September 1, 2014, but prior to July 1, 2015.	\$83.66	\$2,544.66
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2013, but prior to September 1, 2014.	\$81.86	\$2,489.91
Residents admitted to newer beds on or after July 1, 2012, but prior to July 1, 2013.	\$80.07	\$2,435.47
Residents occupying older beds, or residents admitted to newer beds prior to July 1, 2012.	\$78.27	\$2,380.72

Short-Stay Resident (Respite Bed)

\$38.72 N/A

NOTE: "Newer beds" – beds classified as "NEW" or "A" according to ministry design standards

"Older beds" – beds classified as "B", "C", "Upgraded D" or "D" according to ministry design standards

Effective from July 1, 2017, the basic accommodation rate is determined using the following formula:

- 2016 basic accommodation rate x (1 + CPI Rate) = 2017 co-payment rate.
[i.e., $\$58.99 \times (1+1.4\%) = \59.82]
- The monthly rate is determined by multiplying the daily rate by 30.4167.
[i.e., $\$59.82 \times 30.4167 = \$1,819.53$]

If you have requested a transfer from your current accommodation into a preferred accommodation bed, please call the LTC home administrator to confirm the rate that you will be required to pay. Preferred rates for semi-private and private accommodation in your current LTC home or in another LTC home may be different if you are offered a bed on or after July 1, 2017.

If you are currently paying less than \$58.99 per day because you are receiving a reduction in the basic co-payment, known as a "Rate Reduction", then you should reapply for a rate reduction as the current rate reduction expires on June 30, 2017. Staff at your LTC home will provide you with the application form and will help you to submit your application to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

For more information on co-payment rates or the changes to the rate reduction application process, please speak with your home's Administrator. Should you have any additional questions, please contact: LTC Homes Action Line at **1-866-434-0144**