

Long-Term Care Program

Issue

To be eligible for long term care support from Veterans Affairs Canada, a Veteran must be assessed as needing long term care by a health care professional and meet service eligibility requirements.

Veterans are supported in two long term care settings:

- Community facilities, such as nursing homes and other long term care facilities with beds that are available to Veterans as well as other provincial residents (community beds); and
- Community facilities with beds designated through contractual arrangements with provinces, health authorities and/or facilities for priority access for **Second World War and Korean War Veterans** (contract beds).

Stakeholders, family members and Veterans who are eligible for care in a community bed only (post Korean War Veterans; Veterans who served in Canada only and are income qualified; and Veterans who served with Allied Forces) would like eligibility to contract beds extended to all Veterans.

Context

VAC's financial support:

- Regardless if in Contract or Community bed, VAC subsidizes Veteran's monthly accommodation and meal costs so the maximum amount any Veteran contributes toward their resident fees is \$1,236.90/month (as of October 1, 2024)
- Regarding contract beds, VAC provides funding to some facilities (based on annual budget or per diem) for priority access, special programs and/or enhanced levels of service for War Veteran residents in contract beds.

Key Data

As of November 30, 2024, VAC is supporting almost 2,000 Veterans in 683* unique long term care facilities across Canada:

- 1,588 are in community beds in 669* facilities
- 360 are in contract beds in 56* facilities

* The facilities numbers won't add (669+56=725) as some contract and community beds are in the same facility.