

ASSISTED LIVING SUITABILITY CRITERIA

To qualify for assisted living, a RAI-HC assessment is completed within the past 3 months to reflect the client's current care needs and functional performance.

A person may be selected to move into an assisted living unit if they meet the following RAI-HC outcomes:

- IADL Involvement score 7+ **AND** one of the ADL Long Form score 2+ **OR** CPS 1-2
- MAPLe score 3+
- CHESS score less than 4
- DIVERT score 2+

In addition to the RAI-HC scores above, the client:

- Consents to move into assisted living
- Is willing to accept services from assisted living staff
- Requires both hospitality services **AND** personal care services or support in decision-making (may include both scheduled and unscheduled support), which cannot be managed by home support
- Has utilized a reasonable trial of appropriate community resources **OR** can no longer be supported in his or her own home by informal caregivers
- Has Home Support hours 20+/month (approximately) **OR** had 2+ ED visits **OR** 2+ hospital admissions in past 90 days
- Is at risk of personal injury, substantial health decline, an acute care visit or adult guardianship concerns in their current living environment
- Is able to make decisions on his or her own behalf, or will be living with a spouse who is able to make decisions on their behalf
- Is able to make decisions necessary to function safely in the AL residence
- Is able to express his or her wishes so as to be understood by personal assistance staff or by a spouse living with them who can communicate with staff on their behalf
- Is able to use the emergency response system or adapted emergency response system and take direction in an emergency
- Will not, through their behaviours, jeopardize the safety or well-being of others. (e.g. in Section E of RAI-HC, verbal behaviours = 0,1 and physical behaviours =0)

Other considerations

- The building is an appropriate service option and has adequate resources to meet the assessed needs of the individual applicant
- Client resides in British Columbia, meets residency requirements and is eligible for registration in the British Columbia Medical Services plan
- It is not expected to improve in functional ability to the extent where client would no longer require assisted living services (e.g. consider ADL Functional Potential CAP, and /or assessment from OT to maximize functional ability).

Couples

Spouses may move in with the applicant provided there is at least one person in suite who meets the eligibility criteria.

Each spouse will require a completed RAI-HC, financial assessment and a referral in Paris. Under the Community Care and Assisted Living Act, only a spouse can take the responsibility for making decisions on behalf of a client who is unable to make decisions on their own behalf.