
Eligibility, Roles, and Responsibilities

Introduction

The *objective* of a family care home is to provide a protective and supportive environment within a *private family home* to eligible on-reserve elderly or disabled persons as an alternative to admission to a long term care institution. Family care homes are single family residences located on-reserve, intended for on-reserve adults who require 24 hour supervision outside their own home, and who choose to remain in their home communities. The family care home provides a homelike atmosphere, meals, and other housekeeping services, along with caring support and assistance with the activities of daily living to the elderly or disabled client.

The screening, approval, and monitoring of on-reserve family care home operators is the responsibility of the participating administering authority. The administering authority must receive agreement to proceed from the DIAND, BC Region *before* the home begins operation to ensure availability of funding. Funding of family care homes by DIAND is subject to the availability of funding from annual parliamentary appropriations.

DIAND will reimburse the administering authority the per diem and respite costs of maintaining eligible clients in approved on-reserve family care homes at a rate determined by the client's assessed level of care. The Continuing Care Division, Ministry of Health is responsible for assessing the care levels of on-reserve persons requiring placement in residential care.

Staff of the Continuing Care Division may provide advice and guidance to administering authority personnel during the establishment phase of individual on-reserve family care homes. Once the home is successfully established, the involvement of the continuing care division would diminish as staff of the administering authority assume responsibility for the monitoring of the home.

Eligibility and Criteria

Residence and Citizenship

An applicant for an adult family care home must have permanent residence on-reserve at the time of application, and be a Canadian citizen, or be authorized under the Immigration Act to be a permanent resident of Canada.

Responsibility for the provision of residential care to First Nations persons in British Columbia is dictated by the individual's place of residence:

- eligible to apply to DIAND:
 - registered, status Indians residing on-reserve at the time of application
 - non-status person residing on-reserve (except individuals who are occupying commercial rental accommodation on reserve)
- eligible to apply to the Continuing Care Division, Ministry of Health:
 - registered, status Indians residing off-reserve at the time of application
 - individuals who are not registered status Indians who are occupying commercial rental accommodation on-reserve

Age

An applicant for an adult family care home must be a person nineteen years of age and over who, by reason of incapacity, is assessed by the continuing care division as requiring placement in a residential care facility.

Roles and Responsibilities

The relationship between staff of DIAND, the administering authority, and the continuing care division may vary due to local circumstances. Roles and Responsibilities provides a general description of key roles and responsibilities.

First Nations

The administering authority:

- approves family care home based on information provided during the screening process
- ensures that the service provider agreement is completed and signed by family care home operator
- provides ongoing monitoring of the home
- ensures collection of client daily user fee
- reimburses the operator based on submitted claims for the number of days of occupancy at the rate established for the client's assessed level of care

The band social development worker:

- completes the *Family Care Home Operator Approval Form* (DK02-01) and *Adult Family Care Home Approval Checklist* (DK02-02)
- identifies eligible clients, and matches client and family care home operator
- completes needs test, monitors care of individual and serves as link between client, family, and service provider

Ministry of Health, Continuing Care Division

The continuing care manager may provide advice, and liaison to the administering authority and DIAND.

The continuing care case manager:

- provides assessment and establishes level of care of prospective client
- may assist administering authority personnel to complete the *Family Care Home Operator Approval Form* (DK02-01) and *Adult Family Care Home Approval Checklist* (DK02-02)
- in cooperation with band social development worker, may assist in the assessment of the compatibility of home and prospective client
- may assist with ongoing monitoring, as appropriate

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

The manager of the funding services directorate provides agreement to proceed with the placement of persons into a family care home following approval of the home by the administering authority, and based on the availability of funding, subject to annual appropriations by the Parliament of Canada.

The funding services officer approves reimbursement of per diem and associated charges based on the submission of billing from the appropriate administering authority.

