

ASCHA's Common Terminology Summary

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CONTINUING CARE SYSTEM/CONTINUUM

NOTE: Some communities may have more than one living option at one site.

HOME LIVING/ INDEPENDENT LIVING (IL)	SUPPORTIVE LIVING (SL) (DEFINED AS PER LEGISLATION)	FACILITY LIVING (FL)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home living residents are individuals who are functionally independent and are able to arrange for any additional support and care services they require. • Home living is living in your own home, apartment, condominium, or in another independent living option. • Independent living is not licensed. • Residents are responsible for arranging any additional homemaking and health care support services they require. • Accommodation related services like meals and housekeeping may be arranged by the resident within the community on a fee for service basis. • Health care services can be provided in-home e.g. nursing, rehabilitation, medication management, bathing and grooming assistance as well as some homemaking services are arranged by the resident within the community on a fee for service basis or through Alberta Health Services (AHS) Home Care. Pharmaceuticals and care supplies are resident pay. • Individuals/Residents pay for the costs associated with living in their own home, apartment, condominium or other independent living suite and arrange and pay for additional personal choice services and social activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive living residents are individuals who range from functionally independent to very dependent and may require supports to remain medically stable. • Supportive living is living in a room/ suite/home within a congregate setting that combines accommodation, security and other supports that may include supervision and care services. The available options may vary dependent on the individual provider. SL includes a wide range of public (lodges), not for profit and private sector options. • Supportive living is licensed under the Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act and if care is provided are required to comply with the Continuing Care Health Service Standards. • Accommodation related services like meals and housekeeping are available, may vary dependent on the provider, and are paid for by the resident through accommodation fees. • Health care services can be provided in-home e.g. nursing, rehabilitation, medication management, bathing and grooming assistance through Alberta Health Services Home Care, or the operator under contract to AHS and can be public-funded (based on the assessed need of the individual) or private pay. Pharmaceuticals and care supplies are resident pay. • Residents pay an accommodation fee to cover the costs of accommodations and accommodation related services. Other personal choice services may be available on a fee for service basis paid to the service provider; hairdressing, foot care etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility living residents are individuals who are dependent, have complex, medically unstable health needs requiring monitoring by 24 hour registered nurses/physicians and who are unable to remain at home or in a supportive living setting. • Facility living includes long-term care facilities like nursing homes and auxiliary hospitals where accommodation and care services are provided. • Facility living is not licensed but is monitored subject to the Nursing Home General Regulation which requires them to comply with the Continuing Care Health Service Standards and the Long Term Care Accommodation Standards. • Accommodation related services like meals and housekeeping are basic provisions included in the accommodation fees. • Health care services are publicly-funded based on AHS care plans and include care, medications, medical-surgical supplies and medically necessary transportation. • Residents pay a fee to cover the costs of accommodations and accommodation related services. Other personal choice services may be available on a fee for service basis paid to the service provider; hairdressing, foot care etc.

This is a robust and changing industry and we welcome your feedback.

RESOURCES: Alberta Health: Continuing Care: *This link defines continuing care from a [health](#) and accommodation services perspective.*