

## ASCHA 2017 Resolution 3

### Supportive Living and Lodge Workload

WHEREAS the care and support needs of seniors living in supportive living and lodges (levels one and two) is increasing;

WHEREAS the additional supports required has significantly increased the workload of staff working in supportive living and lodge;

WHEREAS these additional supports, including frequent room cleaning, linen changes, special diets, meal service, etc. are essential to maintaining the wellbeing of the seniors we serve;

WHEREAS this trend is occurring in all supportive living and lodges, including those where Alberta Health Services provides the care and/or home care services;

WHEREAS the care plans for seniors in these settings do not address the required additional cleaning, special diets and mobility supports throughout the day and at meal times; and

WHEREAS seniors would like to remain in their homes of choice for as long as possible and this direction is supported by the Alberta Government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ASCHA urge the Government of Alberta, particularly Alberta Health and the Seniors and Housing Ministry, and Alberta Health Services, to work with ASCHA and all key stakeholders to ensure there are sufficient resources and staffing levels to meet the increased needs of seniors in lodges and supportive living settings.

Submitted by the Board of Directors of Homeland Housing  
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and Westlock Foundation, which took effect on January 1, 2017.*

***Approved by ASCHA Members at the March 23, 2017 Annual General Meeting***