

Issue Brief: Code of Practice for Care Homes Consultation

31 January 2018

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR CARE HOMES OVERVIEW:

Authority: The Residential Care Home and Nursing Homes Amendment Act 2017 established the Code of Practice. Compliance with the Code will be tied to regulatory action and to the 2019 re-registration fees and grades.

Application: The Code applies to all residential care homes and nursing homes licensed under the Residential Care Homes and Nursing Homes Act 1999

Purpose :

- To continue the path of raising quality of life, care, management and of the physical environment in care homes through person centered practices.
- To be a single resource document of all current requirements for licensed care homes.
- To be a living document updated on an ongoing basis

Content:

- Existing standards and criteria – from current Regulations and criteria.
- New or substantially improved standards and criteria– determined by:
 - * Identified high risk priorities in relation to care quality and quality of life.
 - * Consideration of impact on care homes due to resources restraints and current compliance levels.
 - * Consequences of the 2017 Amendment .

Development:

The content of the Code was developed from:

- 2012-2015 recommendations and reports
- Current standards of practices for healthcare professionals
- Other jurisdictions' Care Home Codes of Practices and legislation (e.g. Alberta & Ontario, Canada; Ireland; England,)
- Best practice guidelines (e.g. NICE, APIC, RNAO, BNSC)
- 2016 Working Group review of proposed changes. The group included Administrators, care home nurses, advocates, Elder Care Team Inspectors and healthcare professionals in specific fields. 2017 subgroups reviewed priority sections for the Code with new standards and criteria.

HOW TO RESPOND

Consultation period: Jan 31– Feb 20 2018

Draft Code located at: <https://www.gov.bm/health-public-consultations>

Primary Areas for feedback :

- Consent and Decision Making
- Managing Challenging Behaviors
- Restraints
- Assessments
- Care planning
- Quality and Risk Assessment
- Health and personal care services
- Dementia and End of Life care
- Staffing
- Financial Management

Feedback to be sent to:

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Written responses:

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Responses must indicate name and if you are representing an organization.

NEXT STEPS:

- Finalize Code & Implementation plan- March 2018
- Comprehensive inspections- 2018
- Care Home education on the Code -2018
- Re-Registration tied to Code– 2019