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**Alberta's new continuing care strategy called *Aging in the Right Place*, will improve health and personal care service options for seniors and persons with disabilities by enhancing supports to help individuals live within the community.**

The strategy outlines specific community support initiatives assisting Albertans with their decision to remain in their communities. Some of these initiatives are:

## Investing in Community Supports

- **Investment in home care funding** – Enhance and expand home support services, increase daily care hours and expand self-managed care program.
- **Health system navigation** – Assist Albertans with accessing the appropriate health and personal care programs and provide guidance on accommodations.
- **Transitions back to the community** – Assess residents of long-term care facilities and acute care hospitals beds for community placement opportunities.
- **Emergency department support** – Provide response team that will support emergency room patients in finding more appropriate community living options.

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- **Caregiver support and enhanced respite** – Provide support services and respite programs for family and informal caregivers.
- **Community initiatives** – Provide support to communities that will assist seniors and persons with disabilities to age in community settings.
- **Dedicated health technology funding** – Introduce technology for health and safety monitoring.

## Building infrastructure that meets aging in place vision

- Refurbish 7,000 long-term care beds by 2015.
- Improve investment model for the operation and development of new long-term care facilities.
- Support the development of 1,225 additional affordable supportive living spaces.

Strategies to address the way long-term care accommodations are paid, how funding can be accessed and how pharmaceuticals are supplied are also outlined in the strategy. **Implementation of the strategy is scheduled to take place over the next three years.**

The continuing care strategy, *Aging in the Right Place*, was developed in consultation with Albertans and is part of the direction outlined in the *Vision 2020 Future of Health Care in Alberta* report.

## For more information ...

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