

Services That Require Extra Funding For New CHO program(Community Homes for Special Needs.

Opportunity

Medical Conditions ;

Diabetics

- Support with Blood Monitoring (4x a day)
 - Costs for special diet
 - Regular weights and Blood Pressures required
 - Monitoring of nutritional intake
 - Preparing separate meals and deserts
 - Training staff for all of above as well as S/S of crisis
 - Support other medical conditions that Diabetes causes i.e. obesity, infections

Incontinence;

- Extra laundry, bed changes and costs with Linen company
- Increased staff for extra work created
- Increased costs and work for furniture and mattress soiling
- Increased demands from monitoring bodies due to odours
- Assistance with toileting
- increase showers and ADL required (increase water consumption and charges)
- Increase hydro costs

Behavioral Levels and management;

- Anger Management cases (increase staff and appts required)
 - Clients with severe suicidal tendencies (Require increased staff observation and case management)
 - Clients with severe Paranoia(increase Staff attention including escort for anytime they leave premises socially or medically.)
 - Eating disorders require continual monitoring and support with every meal. This will also include special diet many times and increased continual documentation of eating habits and weights for healthcare professionals.
 - Clients who have addiction issues require extensive support through medical appointments, therapy and groups as well as a continual follow through at the home itself 24/7. Without the proper supports put in place this would be disruptive to all clients that reside in the home.
 - Other examples of behaviour issues that can cause a lot of extra services would be clients with severe forms of anxiety, hoarding and OCD.
- This would need looked at on individual needs basis.

Other Examples of Medical Conditions Which Require extreme increase in Services would be;

- Clients diagnosed with cancer
- Colostomy bags

- Catheter care
- Severe Stroke afflicting mental and physical well being
- medical conditions which require food to be pureed
- Dialysis(restricted diet, special meal planning and prep, increase cost, several to arrange and transport client to every week.)
- Broken limbs ex.leg that will be short term but could cause a major increase in workload. (assistance toileting, bathing, help to and from room to dining area etc..all aspects of ADL would require extra help and possibly throughout night) This would all dramatically increase workload and hours to staff. Which would result in extra costs to home owner.
- Clients on clozapine require a lot more med assistance and observation. Home owner and or staff must be aware of and address any adverse effects of this drug. If this is not monitored possible death could result. An example would be no products with alcohol can be given to these clients. All cough syrups etc must be alcohol free. If flu like colds or fevers occur, repeat blood work is necessary. constant monitoring by clozapine clinic is required from once a week to once a month. The home arranges and often escorts to all of these appts. The home owner is continually working with clozapine clinic for observation of health. This can be very time consuming especially when client first on Clozapine.
- Palliative care both mentally and physically are very hard for home owners and require a great deal more care. However, many individuals would like the opportunity to live out their days in their own homes. It is important to allow this to happen by providing whatever supports necessary.

*****The above are only examples of medical conditions that occur in our homes. It would be impossible to list all possible conditions that could potentially afflict our clients. It is important to be flexible, treat every case individually and provide the necessary supports and funding required to safely look after the clients in our homes.**

New Admissions to Homes; \$5 a day for first 90 days Approved by Government

- When a client first comes to a home the work involved to settle this client into a routine that supports them and identifies any measures required for safety and proper care is substantial. It is suggested increased funding to help assist with this process should be implemented for a minimum period of 3 months.
- Examples of the extra work would be;
 - Orientation to home and programs
 - medication reviews including health team and pharmacy
 - medical needs assessment (book physicals, dentist etc that is routinely done in homes)
 - continual observation of behavioural patterns and needs to provide satisfactory and safe housing
- Increase administration ex. charts, pna accountability, profiles etc
- Setting up appropriate programs and support systems including social, educational and vocational opportunities.
- working with the team to prepare appropriate wellness plan with goals and outcomes

Clients that come to homes with CTO

- Clients come with many variances of behavioural issues
- Increased reporting and case management is required
- Many escorted trips to judicial proceedings required

Clients On Long Waiting Lists for Long-term Care; Once client assessed by CCAC

- As clients age and become increasingly difficult their needs increase accordingly. The needs vary from incontinence, physical limitations, dementia, special diets, etc.
- In many cases if the home was funded to address issues the client could remain depending on severity and number of issues.
- As the average waiting time for a bed in a nursing home can be well over a year it has become unsafe for clients to remain in our homes without the proper funding to fulfil needs. This issue needs addressed immediately as having individuals in an unsafe environment due to waiting lists is negligence.

Awake Night Time Staff; If a client comes to home and requires staff at night to be awake

- If Homes are to provide awake night time staff due to the severity of clients and or habits extra funding is required for this service. At present funding levels most homes cannot provide this service unless very large.

Private Rooms- Major costs to Renovate as well costs for increased area i.e. hydro and heat

Ministry has agreed this area needs extensive work and assistance. They will address in near future. Presently they have agreed to an extra \$2 a day for existing clients that have a private room.

***** We need emergency assistance now for those clients that have formally qualified for nursing home care. We cannot safely provide the care needed without more funds and staff.**

*****The other area we need looked at asap before assessments are incontinent clients. These clients require extensive increase in staff and laundry and hydro.**

Please address the above 2 items now. The remainder can be done in assessments.