



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee
From: Suzanne Dronick, Wellington Terrace LTCH Administrator
Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022
Subject: Long-term Care Update

Background:

Bill 7, More Beds, Better Care Act, 2022

This Bill amends the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021, to add a new provision for alternate level of care (ALC) patients who occupy a bed in a public hospital and are designated by an attending clinician as requiring an alternate level of care. This new provision authorizes certain actions to be carried out without the consent of ALC patients.

These actions include:

- A placement coordinator determines the patient's eligibility for a long-term care home, select a home, and authorize their admission to the home. They also include having certain persons conduct assessments for the purpose of determining a patient's eligibility.
- Licensees will be required to admit the patient to the home when certain conditions have been met and to allow persons to collect, use and disclose personal health information, if it is necessary to carry out the actions.
- Certain limitations apply, including prohibition of action to be performed without first making reasonable efforts to obtain the patient's consent. If consent is later provided by an ALC patient, the parts of the process that have been consented to must be conducted in accordance to the regulations.
- An ALC patient may apply to the Appeal Board for a review of a determination of ineligibility made by a placement coordinator, and the Appeal Board shall deal with the appeal in accordance with the regulation.
- The use of restraints is not authorized in order to carry out the actions or the physical transfer of an ALC patient to a long-term care home without their consent.

LTC Guidance

On September 1, 2020, the Deputy Minister released updated guidance for Long-term Care.

Highlights of the changes are as follows:

- All new residents and other transfers into the home must be placed in a single room or double room.
- The Guidance Document notes the regulations under the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021, (FLTCA) require licensees to ensure their emergency plan related to COVID-19 outbreaks identifies an area of the home to be used for isolating residents as required, among other requirements; however, homes are no longer required to directly set beds aside for this purpose.

- Licensees are advised that the occupancy funding protection cap will expire as of September 30, 2022. Licensees are reminded that regular reporting through the Weekly LTCH Occupancy Data and Summary Report (L9 Survey) continues to be mandatory for all LTC homes to inform occupancy target funding calculations.

Recommendation:

That the Long-term Care Update report be received as information.

Respectfully submitted,

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