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Ministry of Health (MOH) Residential Care Access Policy

What's happening?

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has engaged with a number of stakeholders including patient representatives to discuss and update the Provincial Residential Care Access Policy (RCA Policy).

When is this change effective?

Fraser Health is implementing the changes to the MOH Residential Care Access policy **for community clients effective July 2, 2019.**

What are key policy changes?

- The requirement for clients to take the First Appropriate Bed (FAB) will no longer apply
- Clients can choose up to three Preferred Care Homes (PCHs) that match their care needs
- PCH choices are not in rank order
- Clients will be offered an Interim Care Home (ICH) if one of their PCHs is unavailable in a geographical area of their choice but are not required to accept an ICH
- Clients who accept an Interim Care Home will remain on the waitlist for their PCH(s)
- Clients may wait for a PCH at home with subsidized and/or private pay home support or they can choose to reside in a private pay facility
- The policy states that sufficient information must be provided to clients/caregivers to support them to identify their PCH(s), and make decisions around ICH(s)
- Clients/caregivers are to be provided information on wait times, initial admission and the transfer process

The First Appropriate Bed policy will continue to apply to hospital/acute care clients until further notice.

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