

# Continuing Care Strategy



*Living well in a place you can call home.*

## Fact Sheet – April 1, 2011

### Paying for Home Care

**As of April 1, 2011, home care fees in Nova Scotia will increase by 2%.**

The new service fees are as follows:

Home care hourly rate - \$11.43

Cancelled visit fee maximum - \$56.05

Nursing services - No charge

Palliative care home support - No charge

Home oxygen (income based) - Starting at \$68.61

About 80% of home care users do not pay a fee. The remaining 20% pay an hourly rate for home care services (not including nursing services).

Users of home oxygen services also pay a fee, which is based on income and household size.

There is a monthly maximum amount that a client will pay for home care and home oxygen services. If you use these services, your Continuing Care Coordinator can help you determine your maximum monthly charge.

If you use both home care services and the home oxygen services, your maximum monthly charge will be equivalent to your home care maximum amount. For example, if your maximum monthly charge is \$114.30, the maximum you would pay is your home oxygen charge of \$68.61, and \$45.69 for home care for a total of \$114.30 per month.

There is no charge for nursing services provided through home care, or for home support provided under the palliative care program.

If you have questions, please contact your Continuing Care Coordinator or call our toll-free information line at 1-800-225-7225.

Note: Home Oxygen fees as of June 1, 2011.