

# Continuing Care Strategy



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

## **Specialized Equipment for Long Term Care Residents**

- All long term care residents can access specialized equipment from the Canadian Red Cross, Nova Scotia Region. The Nova Scotia Department of Health funds this program.
- Some examples of specialized equipment include: positioning chairs, specialized mattresses and beds, custom wheelchairs etc.
- The program is available to all residents in nursing homes, residential care facilities, and community-based options under the Department of Health.
- Residents who wish to purchase their own equipment privately or through private health insurance may still do so.
- The process to receive specialized equipment from this program's inventory includes application and approval through Continuing Care Coordinators. Staff at your facility will help determine your needs and ensure this process is followed.
- A resident may be charged a fee for using this equipment. The fee will be based on a resident's income and the type and quantity of the equipment provided. This fee is collected by the Canadian Red Cross.
- Equipment provided to residents can be modified to meet individual needs. The equipment remains the property of the Canadian Red Cross and will be returned to the program's inventory when it is no longer required by the resident.
- The Red Cross continues to operate its community-based health equipment loan program which provides non-specialized equipment to all Nova Scotians (canes, walkers, crutches, manual wheelchairs).