



# It's Time to Act: A Review of Assisted Living in B.C.

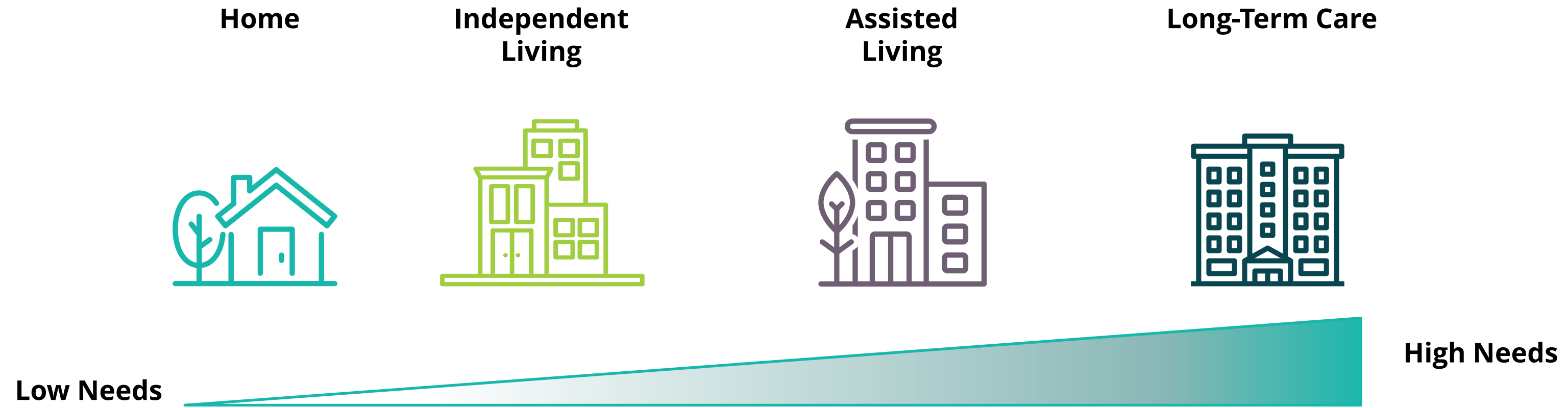
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# Assisted Living Sector Snapshot



## Continuum of Seniors Housing in B.C.



# Assisted Living Sector Snapshot

	2022	% CHANGE OVER 5 YEARS
 <b>INDEPENDENT LIVING*</b>	20,700	9%
 <b>ASSISTED LIVING UNITS</b>	8,400	2%
SUBSIDIZED	4,400	0%
PRIVATE	4,000	4%
 <b>LONG-TERM CARE BEDS</b>	29,200	2%
SUBSIDIZED	27,700	3%
PRIVATE	1,500	-2%

\*2021, % change over 4 yrs.



# Issues

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1. Confusion



2. Affordability



3. Tenancy Protection



4. Quality Assurance





## Independent Living



## Assisted Living





# Lack of Clarity

Seniors  
Independent Living



Retirement Home



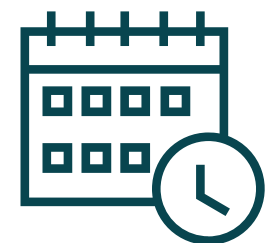
Supportive Living



Seniors Supportive  
Living



Registered  
Assisted Living



# Affordability: Publicly Subsidized Assisted Living

- Seniors in publicly subsidized assisted living pay a monthly rate equal to **70%** of their after-tax income
- \$1,468** avg. client fee (\$1,275 median)
- \$25,173** estimated avg. income of assisted living residents (\$21,861 median)
- Additional Costs**
  - Medications
  - Equipment
  - Supplies
  - Third meal
  - Household supports
- 52%** increase in government spending over last 5 yrs., but no increase in service levels or units

## Cost to a Single Senior for Publicly Subsidized Assisted Living vs Long-Term Care (Based on Median AL Client Rate and Income), 2022

	ASSISTED LIVING	LONG-TERM CARE
MEDIAN ANNUAL INCOME	\$21,861	
MONTHLY INCOME	\$1,822	
CLIENT CONTRIBUTION FEE	\$1,275	\$1,457
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$625	\$235
BALANCE	<b>-\$78</b>	<b>\$128</b>



# Affordability: Private Assisted Living

	COST TO CLIENT	GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY
<b>PRIVATE ASSISTED LIVING (INCL. 1 HR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE)</b>	\$58,600	\$0
<b>LONG-TERM CARE</b>	\$24,000	\$58,000





# Tenancy Protection

- Application of Residential Tenancy Act to independent living
- Assisted living to Community Care and Assisted Living Act
  - 2006: Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act
  - 2012: Ombudspersons report “The Best of Care”
- From B.C. Government website on Residential Tenancy Law

**Assisted Living** provides housing and assistance services for adults who can live independently but require regular assistance with daily activities. Facilities must be registered under the [Assisted Living Registrar](#) and the *Residential Tenancy Act* does not apply.





# Quality Assurance

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- No requirement for annual site inspections
- No tracking of support hours private or public
- No staffing levels or qualifications
- No accountability for public subsidies





# Recommendations

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1. **Significantly increase capacity** of publicly subsidized assisted living program with more units and expanded services.
2. **Reduce confusion** seniors and family members experience while navigating assisted living and other congregate living arrangements.
3. **Provide explicit tenancy protection** under the Residential Tenancy Act for all residents in congregate living including assisted living.
4. **Address affordability issues** in both publicly subsidized and private pay assisted living.
5. **Strengthen current monitoring and enforcement systems** to provide quality assurance, resident safety and value for investment in publicly subsidized assisted living.





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