



**PRAIRIE NORTH REGIONAL
HEALTH AUTHORITY**

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Number: 15541
Category: Continuing Care
Title: Consent

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PURPOSE

Consent is obtained prior to initiation of services in order to ensure that the client and/or support person has full knowledge of the specific actions for which the consent has been obtained.

POLICY

1. Informed verbal or informed written consent must be obtained from the client and/or support person for the following:
 - to assess the client;
 - to provide case co-ordination and other services to client; and
 - to release information to anyone outside the "circle of care".
2. To obtain informed verbal consent, Home Care staff must ensure that the client has full knowledge of the specific actions for which the consent has been requested.
3. To obtain informed written consent, Home Care staff must ensure that the client has full knowledge of the specific actions for which the consent has been requested and that those actions are specified in the consent document signed by the client. The client's signature must be certified by a witness.