



**PRAIRIE NORTH REGIONAL
HEALTH AUTHORITY**

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Number: 15583
Category: Continuing Care
Title: Care Plan – Implementation Of Home Services

Approved by: VP Integrated Health Services

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PURPOSE

1. Home Care gives priority to admitting and serving people with the greatest need for Home Care service as part of an assessment process.
2. Home Care considers and balances the following criteria to determine the degree of need:
 - a. The more serious and immediate the consequences to the individual if services is not provided, the high the priority.
 - b. The more appropriate the alternatives available to the individual, the lower priority.
3. Promoting continuity by:
 - a. assigning the same individuals, whenever possible, to provide service over time;
 - b. orientating replacement staff and volunteers to their assigned responsibilities and to the individual needs of clients;
 - c. having regular team discussions of clients' progress; and
 - d. communicating appropriately with other agencies or other Regional Health Authority services involved in care.

POLICY

1. Appropriate team members must implement care plans in timely manner and document the service.
2. Services must be implemented according to accepted standards of practice and the specific program's ability to provide the service.
3. Home Care will implement services as presented at District Assessment and Approval Committee and according to the care plan.
4. Regular review of the care plan will be carried out and revision will occur as needed.