



Seniors Community Wheelchair Loan Program

The Seniors Community Wheelchair Loan Program provides new and recycled wheelchairs (manual and/or electric) to eligible residents of Nova Scotia to support them in their homes and communities.

How do I qualify for this program?

To qualify for this program, you:

- Are a resident of Nova Scotia with a valid Nova Scotia health card number;
- Are 65 years of age or older at the time of application;
- Have been assessed by an authorized health care provider (Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist);
- Require assistance because of a long-term disability, chronic illness, or terminal illness;
- Agree to sign a consent form for the safe and proper use of your wheelchair;
- Are considered low-income (have a net annual income of \$22,003 or less if single or \$37,004 or less if married), and
- Are not covered by other programs such as private insurance or other publicly funded organizations.

How do I know if this program is right for me?

To determine if you qualify for the Seniors Community Wheelchair Loan Program call Continuing Care toll-free at 1-800-225-7225. If you are eligible, an occupational therapist or physiotherapist will arrange a time to meet with you to complete an assessment.

Will the wheelchair fit me and meet my specific needs?

You will be assessed by a health care provider who is skilled in the fitting of wheelchairs. The assessment will determine proper fit and make sure the wheelchair you receive meets your needs. If you already have a chair through this program and your needs change, you should call Continuing Care for a reassessment.

Note: If it is determined that a recycled wheelchair is available and can be adapted to suit your needs, that recycled wheelchair will be provided to you.

What happens if I am currently accessing the Department of Community Services Adult Wheelchair Recycling Program and turn 65?

A referral for assessment should be initiated by calling Continuing Care, at which time it will be determined if you qualify for the Department of Health and Wellness

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program. Once wheelchair needs are determined, an appropriate transition plan will be developed between your healthcare professional and wheelchair providers.

What happens if I move into Long Term Care?

You can keep the wheelchair as long as you are living in the community and it is serviceable. Upon entry to a long term care facility, the wheelchair will remain with you and a referral for reassessment will be initiated. A transition plan will be put in place for you to get a wheelchair through the Specialized Equipment Program in long term care.

How much will I be required to pay?

There are no fees for this program.

Who will own the wheelchair?

Ownership is maintained by MEDlchair and the wheelchair must be returned to them when it is no longer needed.

If I have maintenance or repair issues who do I contact?

MEDlchair is responsible for maintaining and repairing the wheelchair, as necessary, in your home. Upon delivery, MEDlchair staff will leave you information on the operation of the wheelchair and his/her contact information. If you require assistance, please contact MEDlchair toll free at 1-800-262-2269.

Can I buy my own specialized wheelchair?

Wheelchairs included in this program are not for sale. If you wish to purchase your own wheelchair you may do so from any supplier of your choosing.

For more information about the Seniors Community Wheelchair Loan Program:

Phone Toll Free: **1-800-225-7225**

Website: <http://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/>