

Live In Policy

Assessed Requirements for Live In Home Support Workers

Live in care givers are an assessed care level due to the restrictions. The assessment must be done by an R.N. either with the agency or the local health authority.

The following requirements must be strictly met and enforced prior to a live in home support worker being placed into the home.

- 1) The caregiver **MUST** be able to have 8 hours of uninterrupted sleep at night, exception being an occasional emergency occurrence.
- 2) The client is able to be on their own throughout the night and able to meet all self care needs independent of the care giver.
- 3) The caregiver must have a private and comfortable sleeping area with linens supplied.
- 4) The caregiver must have access to a washroom, with a bath and or shower for personal use while living in the client's home. It may be a shared washroom but the caregiver must be able to attend to her own personal hygiene privately.(i.e. toileting, showering/bathing and general grooming)
- 5) The client will supply the caregiver 3 nutritious meals/day, or have on hand the food available.
- 6) The caregiver must have a 4 hour break daily and if the client is unable to be left for this period of time then it is up to the client/family to arrange appropriate relief. This may be by a family member, friend or private caregiver. The agency can supply this break relief at an additional cost if required.
- 7) That the client be cognitively well, and possess reasonable judgment and understanding of the guidelines and criteria of a live in caregiver. That the client is with full understanding and shall meet the criteria and guideline of the agency.
- 8) The client must have a reasonable expectation taking into account the client's self care requirements of housekeeping duties.
- 9) The home environment is clean and safe.

- 10) That any pets in the home are friendly and safe to be around.
- 11) The client does not exhibit any abusive or aggressive behavior.
- 12) That the caregiver is able to leave the client for short periods of time with in the homecare setting in order to perform household duties as well as attend to personal hygiene and toileting needs.
- 13) If at the time of assessment the RN feels that the client is unable to comply with any of the above the RN will deem this client not acceptable for a live in caregiver and will recommend a alternative level of care.