

Regulatory Framework Governing Services for Seniors with Health Care Needs

Act and Regulations	Application to Service Area
Community Care and Assisted Living Act and Regulations	<p>Protect the health, safety and dignity of people cared for in licensed community care facilities (residential and child day care) by setting minimum health and safety requirements, and allow for response to complaints.</p> <p>Provide for registration of assisted living residences and response to complaints.</p>
Continuing Care Act and Regulations	Define designated continuing care services; establish client fees associated with those services; authorize funding of non-hospital based health care services, excluding physician services.
Hospital Act and Regulations	Provide for the designation, licensing, administration, inspection, and regulation of extended care and private hospitals according to standards of management and care.
Hospital Insurance Act and Regulations	Define beneficiaries who are insured to receive benefits and establish fees for persons receiving care in extended care and private hospitals.
Mental Health Act and Regulation	Allow for the establishment of specialized mental health facilities, and the provision of services for the examination, diagnosis and treatment of persons with a mental disorder, including dementia. Also provides for the involuntary detention of those persons for examination and treatment.
Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act and bylaws	Establish the standards that pharmacists must follow to protect the health and safety of persons using prescribed drugs, and provides specific bylaws for community pharmacies, hospital pharmacies, and residential care pharmacy services.
Business Practices and Consumer Protection Authority Act	Provide protection for persons who pay for services in advance, such as persons living in assisted living residences and residential care facilities.
Representation Agreement Act	Enable adults to plan for a time when they may become incapable of making their own decisions. Representation agreements can cover all aspects of an adult's life - health and personal care, as well as financial and legal matters.
Adult Guardianship Act and Regulations	<p>Protect adults from abuse or neglect, including requirements for reporting.</p> <p>Regulate the Public Guardian and Trustee's appointment of persons to make decisions or assist an adult make decisions about the adult's personal care, health care, legal matters, or financial affairs.</p>

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Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act and Regulation	Establish the requirements for obtaining consent to treatment including circumstances in which a person can give valid substitute consent on behalf of an adult who is incapable.
Public Guardian and Trustee Act and Regulations	Define the powers of the Public Guardian and Trustee in the investigation of financial abuse.
Power of Attorney Act	Provide for a capable adult to delegate decisions about financial and legal matters to another person within certain limitations.
Patients Property Act	Provide the Supreme Court of BC with the power to appoint a committee of the person and a person's estate for an individual who has been deemed no longer able to manage their own property and financial affairs.
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act	Regulate the collection of information by public bodies, and provides rights of access to information by persons whose information is held by public bodies, including health authorities.
Patient Care Quality Review Board Act	Establish the Patient Care Quality Review Offices and Boards which are responsible for reviewing appropriate "care quality complaints" from persons receiving health care services or their family members and assisting with resolution.
Criminal Records Review Act and Regulations	Protect vulnerable adults from individuals whose criminal record indicates they pose a threat of physical, sexual, or in the case of adults, financial abuse.
Coroners Act and Regulation	Set out the powers, duties and jurisdiction of the Coroner's Office to investigate all unnatural, sudden and unexpected, unexplained or unattended deaths, and to make recommendations to improve public safety and prevent death in similar circumstances.
Local Government Act and Regulations, including BC Building Code	Building code regulates safety in the design, construction, and occupancy of buildings in the province, including assisted living residences and residential care facilities.
Fire Service Act and Regulations and BC Fire Code	Set out requirements for various classes of buildings, including assisted living residences and residential care facilities; Code contains technical requirements designed to provide an acceptable level of fire safety within a community.
Ombudsperson Act	Set out the powers, duties and jurisdiction of the provincial ombudsperson to oversee the administrative actions of government authorities, including health authorities, and conduct special reviews.