

Next steps

To help you rent and plan for purchase of a specialized wheelchair, your occupational therapist will:

- measure you
- provide you with written wheelchair recommendations
- if needed, help you choose a medical supplier

You will need to:

- choose a medical supplier and let your occupational therapist know
- provide the occupational therapy recommendations to the medical supplier.
- provide rental payment to the medical supplier by

_____ (date)

- confirm with your health care team that a rental wheelchair is available and arranged

This may need to be done as quickly as 2-3 days. Please check with your occupational therapist for the time frame likely for your situation.

Your healthcare team will arrange for delivery of the wheelchair once the transfer date to the care home has been confirmed.



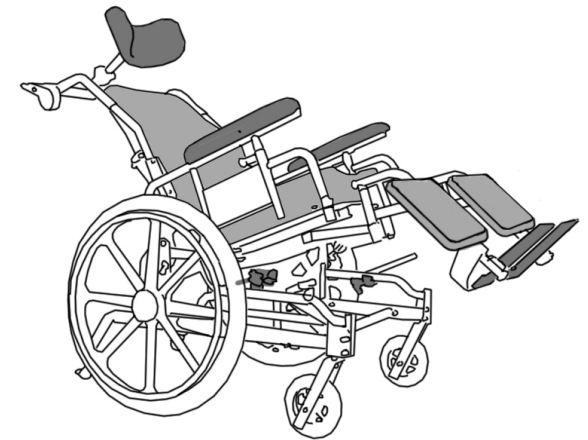
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How to get a Specialized Wheelchair for Long Term Care



Client Name

OT Name

Phone Number

Your occupational therapist has recommended a specialized wheelchair for your comfort and mobility. You are required to have a wheelchair before leaving hospital in order to move into a care home. Most care homes do not provide specialized wheelchairs for residents.

We recommend renting a specialized wheelchair rather than purchasing at this time, as comfort and mobility needs often change when you move to a new environment.

A rental allows the flexibility to change wheelchairs as needed. Changes to a purchased wheelchair may be costly or may not be possible.

Once you have moved, the care home therapist will assess your needs and recommend an appropriate wheelchair for purchase.

What is a specialized wheelchair?

Specialized wheelchairs have custom features for comfort and mobility, for example, power wheelchairs or wheelchairs that tilt or are wider or lower than standard.

How will I get the right wheelchair?

Your occupational therapist will measure you and recommend the wheelchair features that you require for comfort and mobility.

Once you have wheelchair recommendations, you can rent a wheelchair from a medical supplier of your choice.

If you require assistance choosing a medical supplier, speak with your occupational therapist or you can select one from the Home Medical Equipment Providers Association list (HMEPA.ca).

If you have difficulty obtaining a wheelchair to rent, please speak with your occupational therapist.

How do I pay for rental and purchase of the wheelchair?

You will be responsible for the cost of a specialized wheelchair in a care home including rental and eventual purchase. Your occupational therapist will provide you with approximate cost information. You may have an extended medical plan, insurance or other funding sources available to you.

Some vendors will apply rental costs towards the eventual purchase of the wheelchair.

If you are unable to pay the rental cost, please let your occupational therapist know as soon as possible.

When do I need to start renting the wheelchair?

Please start this rental process right away as it may take some time.

You must have the rental of a specialized wheelchair arranged in order to move into a care home.