



PRIORITY ACTIONS FOR IMPROVED NOVA SCOTIA HOME CARE

Working Together to Bring Home Care Home!



FOCUS ON PERSON & FAMILY-CENTRED CARE

- Person- and family-centred care prioritizes dignity, participation and choice.
- Update standards & guidelines to enshrine these values.



IMPROVE HOME CARE HUMAN RESOURCES

- Expand worker recruitment & training.
- Better compensation: educational bursaries, higher wages, paid sick leave & travel time, guaranteed minimum hours.



IMPROVE HOME CARE COMMUNICATIONS

- Clients & families receive timely, accurate & useful information.
- Build interpersonal & intercultural communication skills.



IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY

- Multi-year, publicly accountable provincial Home Care strategy.
- Public & timely waitlist data.
- Transparent client feedback & complaint procedures.
- Community-led provincial advisory & review board.



EXPAND & UNTAX HOME CARE

- More Home Care hours & agencies.
- Enhance Caregiver Benefit & Supportive Care Program.
- Simplify access & eliminate federal tax on direct benefits.
- Provincial tax credit for self-funded expenses.

[Read the full Position Paper on the CARP Nova Scotia website](#)

WHY BETTER HOME CARE?

- As of Feb 2021, more than 17,000 Nova Scotians receive Home Care
 - Over 1,000 clients were still waiting
- 86% of aging Canadians want to live in their home for as long as they can
- By 2030 more than one in four Nova Scotians will be aged 65+

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Write letters & speak with politicians about the need for better Home Care
- Contact the media about your concerns
- Join & follow C.A.R.P. Nova Scotia to add your voice to our work.