
Not everyone is guaranteed to a bed at the Golden Manor

The belief that the Golden Manor is there for every resident of Timmins that needs a home couldn't be farther from the truth. The Mayor and certain members of council have stated that the Golden Manor takes the poorest and those that need the most care. Let's examine how the process really works.

People do not just walk in the door at the Golden Manor or any other Home in the Province. CCAC (Community Care Access Center) is contacted by the client or a family member/power of attorney or care giver. A case manager is assigned and application is completed which includes validated assessment tools for appropriate placements and personal care services.

In regards to a long term care application, the CCAC case manager interviews the client/caregiver, explaining the process and the nursing homes that are in the area and the wait list at the present time of each home. Every client/caregiver chooses where they would like to reside and can have up to 5 choices (this is the LAW). The cost to the client is **the same throughout the provinces for any of the 628 homes** and varies based on the level of accommodation (basic, semi-private or private).

When bed becomes available in the accommodation level and nursing home chosen, the client is offered that bed and have 24 hours to accept the bed. A home accepts a client based on the package of assessments and information the case manager from CCAC provides. A home may refuse a client, but only if they cannot provide appropriate care or if the environment doesn't meet the client's needs. In both cases the home would have to have a very good reason and would have to report to the MOHLTC why. If the reasons are not acceptable they MOHLTC would find the home in non-compliance; therefore, it is very rare that ANY home refuses people.

So, the argument that the Golden Manor takes people that no one else would is completely inaccurate. The base rates are the same across the process for every type of home, whether it is private, municipally funded or not-for-profit. The scare tactic that council is trying to use to make people believe that the Golden Manor is the only option for people is unacceptable.