

Acceptable Furniture Items

- One side chair (non-cloth material)
- Two wall hangings, non-flammable and without glass
- One small flat screen television (no more than 36 inches)
- One small portable radio or stereo
- One small personal refrigerator no more than 1.7 cubic foot capacity or 20 inches on a side (resident and/or family must keep unit clean, inside and out and for empty out any outdated food items).
- Clock
- One LED lamp or reading light
- Residents in **private** rooms can bring 1 small 3 drawer dresser made out of materials that is easy to clean. Private furniture must be light enough for housekeeping staff to move for cleaning. Any casters must be lockable.

All furniture and appliances must be submitted to the maintenance department to be checked prior to being used. Maintenance will deliver the items to the residents' room after they pass inspection. All electrical appliances must be CSA approved and Energy Star Rated.

Personal Clothing

We recommend clothing that is comfortable for sitting and other activities. It should be easy to care for, easy to put on and take off, machine washable and dryer safe.

We recommend you bring in appropriate outdoor clothing to make sure that you are able to participate in all outings and activities (i.e. hats for summer and boots for winter). It is recommended that family/friends replace the outdoor clothing as the seasons change to make sure clothes and dressers are not overcrowded.

The Resident or substitute decision maker (SDM) is responsible for purchasing clothing and footwear. If there is no family in the local area to assist with clothing and footwear purchase, staff will assist if payment arrangements can be made by the Resident/SDM.

Labelling: All clothing and personal items must be labelled, clearly identifying the resident's name (i.e. combs, shampoo, lotions, toothbrush/paste, etc). Labels will be provided by the Bignucolo Residence.

Laundry: Washing and drying of residents clothing is done on site at SSCHS by Support Services staff. Family members may also choose to launder resident's clothing at home, or the resident can choose to do their own laundry using the available washer and dryer. If you do your own laundry, always keep in mind that we have a strict no scents policy when choosing laundry detergent and dryer sheets.

**THANK YOU FOR
CHOOSING**

**BIGNUCOLO
RESIDENCE**



THANK YOU!

We are delighted that you are considering the Bignucolo Residence as your new home. It is our pleasure to help facilitate a seamless transition to your new home.

Current Accommodation Costs

Long-term care accommodation costs are set by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and are standard in all long-term care homes across Ontario.

Government subsidy

If you do not have enough income to pay for a basic room, you may be eligible for a subsidy through the Long-Term Care Home Rate Reduction Program.

If you qualify, you or a lawful representative must complete an application form and submit it to your long-term care home.

If you qualify, you could get a subsidy of up to \$1,891.31 per month.

Who qualifies

Whether or not you qualify for financial help depends on:

- The type of accommodation you choose (only basic is covered)
- Your net income

You also need to be already receiving all of these federal and provincial benefits that you are eligible for:

- Old Age Security pension (if you are 65 or older)
- Ontario Disability Support Program (if you are ineligible for Old Age Security)

- Guaranteed Income Supplement (if you are 65 or older)
- Guaranteed Annual Income System Benefit

Involuntary Separation Statement

If you and your spouse or common-law partner do not live together for reasons beyond your control, you'll need to complete an Involuntary Separation Statement to maximize your pension benefits.

To qualify:

- You must be over 65
- Your spouse or common-law partner must be:
 - Over 65
 - Living in your community or in a long-term care home, including if they live in the same semi-private room as you
 - and/or Guaranteed Income Supplement.
 - Eligible for Old Age Security pension and/or Guaranteed Income Supplement.

Admission Day

There are a number of documents that you must bring with you on your admission date.

These include:

- Power of Attorney for Finances (if you have one)
- Power of Attorney for Personal Care (if you have one)

- Notice of Assessment from the Canada Revenue Agency (if you are applying for a rate subsidy)
- Advance Directives on Care Choices (if you have one in place)
- Copy of Prepaid Funeral Document (if you have one in place)
- Void cheque (if you choose to pay your monthly accommodation fee by the automatic withdrawal method.)

LTC Contacts Information

Do not hesitate to communicate with a member of the LTC Team for further information/clarification.

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LTC Admission—Finance
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Rate Reductions Website
Ontario.ca/page/get-help-paying-long-term-care