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Alberta's new continuing care strategy called *Aging in the Right Place*, will improve health and personal care service options for seniors and persons with disabilities by enhancing supports to help individuals live within the community.

The strategy outlines specific community support initiatives assisting Albertans with their decision to remain in their communities. Some of these initiatives are:

Investing in Community Supports

- **Investment in home care funding** – Enhance and expand home support services, increase daily care hours and expand self-managed care program.
- **Health system navigation** – Assist Albertans with accessing the appropriate health and personal care programs and provide guidance on accommodations.
- **Transitions back to the community** – Assess residents of long-term care facilities and acute care hospitals beds for community placement opportunities.
- **Emergency department support** – Provide response team that will support emergency room patients in finding more appropriate community living options.

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- **Caregiver support and enhanced respite** – Provide support services and respite programs for family and informal caregivers.
- **Community initiatives** – Provide support to communities that will assist seniors and persons with disabilities to age in community settings.
- **Dedicated health technology funding** – Introduce technology for health and safety monitoring.

Building infrastructure that meets aging in place vision

- Refurbish 7,000 long-term care beds by 2015.
- Improve investment model for the operation and development of new long-term care facilities.
- Support the development of 1,225 additional affordable supportive living spaces.

Strategies to address the way long-term care accommodations are paid, how funding can be accessed and how pharmaceuticals are supplied are also outlined in the strategy. **Implementation of the strategy is scheduled to take place over the next three years.**

The continuing care strategy, *Aging in the Right Place*, was developed in consultation with Albertans and is part of the direction outlined in the *Vision 2020 Future of Health Care in Alberta* report.

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