

Frequently Asked Questions – Extendicare Michener Hill

When will Extendicare Michener Hill open?

It is anticipated Extendicare Michener Hill will be open in September 2010. Red Deer Nursing Home and Valley Park Manor will close once all residents have moved to the new facility.

When will residents move into the new facility?

A resident move coordinator will work with residents and their families regarding the move. The move will take place over a six week period, from September to October. Plans are in place to ensure a seamless transition for residents.

Who is looking after moving the residents?

Alberta Health Services and Extendicare will work together with residents and their families regarding the move. Residents and their family members are an integral part of the team and will be part of the planning process.

Why is AHS closing Red Deer Nursing Home and Valley Park Manor?

These facilities are badly deteriorating and in need of replacement. Built in the 1960s, they no longer meet the standards or expectations of our aging citizens.

In 1999, a study was complete which identified it was more cost-effective to build a new facility rather than renovate the current sites. Alberta Health Services will look at each building once residents move to Extendicare Michener Hill to determine if they can be repurposed.

How many beds will be at Extendicare Michener Hill?

There will be 280 beds in total:

- 220 long term care beds
- 60 supportive living

This is up from the 215 beds currently available at the Red Deer Nursing Home (116 beds) and Valley Park Manor (99 beds).

What is the difference between long term care and supportive living?

Long term care is for residents who have complex care needs and may be required to meet:

- Complex end of life care needs
- Complex medication management
- Complex nursing care
- Inconsistent or unstable behaviour that places the individual or others at risk

Extendicare Michener Hill will have 60 supportive living spaces. Supportive living offers health and personal care supports in private suites with the added security of knowing professional nursing care and support is available on-site 24 hours a day in a family-friendly environment.

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What will be the cost of long term care at the new facility?

Accommodation fees for private rooms and semi-private rooms at Extendicare will be the same as at Red Deer Nursing Home and Valley Park Manor. All fees are determined by Alberta Seniors Community and Supports through the Accommodation Standards. The fees are:

Room type	Rate per day
Private	\$54.25
Semi-private	\$47.00
*Standard ward	\$44.50

Residents may see an increase in charges if they are currently living in a semi-private or ward room and move into a private room at the new facility. 90 per cent of the rooms at Extendicare Michener Hill are private rooms. There are no wards rooms at the new facility.

What do the long term care fees include?

Services funded through accommodation fees:

- Meals and meal service
- Laundering of towels and linens
- Housekeeping services
- Social and leisure activities
- Utilities
- Routine maintenance

Services funded by Alberta Health and Wellness:

- Nursing services
- Personal care services
- Recreational therapy
- Physiotherapy and occupational therapy
- Medications and medical-surgical supplies
- Transportation, including ambulance transport, for prescribed services

Resident responsibilities:

- Accommodation fees
- Personal laundry services
- Hair care
- Personal goods and services
- Transportation for recreational purpose