

Continuum of Care: A Journey from Home to Long Term Care

WHY WE DID IT

DEMOGRAPHICS: Aging Canadian population, War Service Veterans declining, aging CAF population

1,983 COMPLAINTS to OVO re VIP and LTC since 2007

STAKEHOLDER CONCERNS about complexity and unmet needs

VAC is reviewing health care regulations

LOOKING AHEAD

A SINGLE "CONTINUUM OF CARE" PROGRAM that is simple, adaptive and meets needs

A COHESIVE STRATEGY that considers the Canadian Health Care System

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WHY NOW? THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR CHANGE

670,100
VETERANS
in Canada

69,700
WAR SERVICE VETERANS
600,400
CAF VETERANS

91
EST. AVG. AGE
OF WAR SERVICE
VETERANS

57
EST. AVG.
AGE OF CAF
VETERANS

8,700

APPROX. NUMBER OF REGULAR AND RESERVE FORCE MEMBERS CAF RELEASES PER YEAR

37%

OF TOTAL CAF VETERAN POPULATION IN CANADA IS 65 OR OLDER

3X

CAF VETERANS AGED 80 AND OLDER WILL GROW FROM 5% IN 2015-16 TO 15% IN 2025-26

WHAT DID WE FIND?

INADEQUATE SUPPORT BETWEEN "AT-HOME" CARE AND LONG TERM CARE



PROGRAMS ARE TOO COMPLEX AND BASED ON TYPE OF MILITARY SERVICE RATHER THAN NEED

32 separate policies

28 distinct eligibility groups

RECOMMENDATIONS TO:

- **ADJUST** existing benefits to ensure adequate support for family members and caregivers
- **INCREASE** support for assisted living options
- **REDUCE** the complexity of eligibility criteria
- **CREATE** a single "**Continuum of Care Program**" that fits within the context of the Canadian Health Care System