



# Building a First Nations Wholistic Long-term and Continuing Care Framework

The Assisted Living (AL) and First Nations and Inuit Home and Community Care (FNIHCC) Programs were developed to provide long-term care services for First Nations residing on-reserve. The federal government is not mandated to provide long-term care services to First Nations on-reserve, resulting in a patchwork of services and supports. First Nations residing on-reserve do not have access to long-term care services which has resulted in gaps, inequitable access to services and supports, as well as barriers to access services that can enhance First Nations qualities of life. In 2019, the Government of Canada invested \$8.5 million for engagement on long-term and continuing care in First Nations and Inuit communities, which resulted in a National Engagement Summary Report with recommendations for reform.

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is mandated through AFN Resolution 44/2022, *Co-Development of Policy Options with Indigenous Services Canada for a Memorandum to Cabinet on the Wholistic Long-term and Continuing Care Framework* to ensure First Nations are supported to age comfortably in their home and community, receiving equitable healthcare regardless of where they live. The AFN's Technical Working Group on Social Development (TWGSD), with oversight from the Chief's Committee on Health (CCOH), is supporting the development of a Wholistic Long-Term and Continuing Care Framework that is First Nations-led. The AFN has identified 7 priorities for reform informed by the National Engagement Summary Report:

