



MINISTERIAL DIRECTIVE

Committee for Application to Supported Living MD 2026-04

1. Directive

Pursuant to section 3.2 of the *Hospital Insurance and Health and Social Services Act* (HIHSSA), all admissions to Supported Living programs funded by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), with the exception of respite services for caregivers of adults with disabilities, shall be coordinated through the Committee for Application to Supported Living (CASL).

2. Background

The Minister has the power to issue a directive to the Territorial board of management or a Board of Management in respect of any matter referred to in HIHSSA (section 3.2).

The CASL, established through its Terms of Reference signed May 1, 2026, provides an equitable admissions process and unified single point of entry to all GNWT-funded Supported Living programs for adults with disabilities, both within the Northwest Territories (NWT) and outside of the NWT.

3. Purpose

To establish the process for coordination of admissions to GNWT-funded Supported Living programs, excluding respite services for caregivers of adults with disabilities, to be followed by the Health and Social Services Authorities.

4. Definitions

Supported Living means the provision of supports to help adults with disabilities live as independently and safely as possible and participate fully in their community. Support with daily living tasks can be provided in a person's own home or in supported living



accommodations. A range of services can be provided based on individual assessed needs, which can vary from minimal non-medical support to 24-hour non-medical support.

Health and Social Services Authorities means the Territorial Health and Social Services Authority established under section 5(1), a Board of Management established under section 10(1) or referred to in subsection 10.2 or 10.3 of HIHSSA, or an organization, agency or firm contracted by the Minister pursuant to section 17 of the *Hospital Insurance and Health and Social Services Administration Act*.

5. Exceptions

None.

6. Amendment

The Minister may amend this Directive from time to time.

7. Effective Date

This Directive comes into effect on May 13, 2026.

8. Review of Directive

This Directive will be reviewed by the Department every 5 years.

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Lesla Semmler
Minister of Health and Social Services

May 6, 2026
Date