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In March 2024, Nova Scotia signed the [Canada-Nova Scotia Aging with Dignity Agreement](#) ("Bilateral Agreement").

The five-year (2023-24 to 2027-28), \$145-million bilateral agreement includes funding designated to Home and Community Care initiatives (four years of funding, approximately \$15.7 million annually) and Long-Term Care initiatives (five years of funding, approximately \$16.5 million annually).

The Home and Community Care funding will continue to support investments made through the previous Home and Community Care and Mental Health and Addictions (HCCMHA) Bilateral Agreement to expand community-based supports and improve access to home care for seniors.

The Long-Term Care investment will provide five years of funding to support staffing in long-term care and the quality of care across the long-term care system by offsetting the significant investments that the province has already made in the sector.

Objectives of the bilateral agreement are:

- Improving access to home and community care services; and
- Supporting workforce improvements for long-term care and standards, to keep long-term care residents safe and to improve their quality of life.

Nova Scotia will be reporting annually on specific indicators, as identified in the bilateral agreement. The identified indicators are as follows:

- **Home and Community Care Targets (to be achieved annually)**
 - Total attendance of Brain Injury Association Programs and Training
 - Total participants in *U-First! For Healthcare* delivered by the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia
 - Number of clients participating in the ABI Day Program and Outreach teams
 - Percentage of long-term care facilities that have implemented interRAI-LTCF
- **Long-Term Care Targets (to be achieved by March 31, 2028)**
 - Total registered Continuing Care Assistants
 - Number of LTC facilities who have signed new service agreements

Home and Community Care Targets

Indicator	Annual Target	2024-2025 Results
Initiative 1 - Enhanced Home and Community Care Services		
Total attendance of Brain Injury Association Programs and Training <i>Indicator Descriptor:</i> AWD funding supports the delivery of community-based, evidence-informed acquired brain injury (ABI) information, education, and resources for Nova Scotians through the Brain Injury Association. The target identified is the number of individuals who attend programs and training annually.	3,465	3,103 ¹
Initiative 2 – Supporting Caregivers		
Total participants in U-First! For Healthcare delivered by the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia <i>Indicator Descriptor:</i> AWD funding supports the delivery of U-First! For Healthcare , a program for those who work with people with dementia in either long-term care or home support to support people with behaviour changes related to dementia. The target identified is the number of individuals who participate in training annually.	320	371
Initiative 3 – Integrated Care		
Number of clients participating in the ABI Day Program and Outreach teams <i>Indicator Descriptor:</i> AWD funding supports Nova Scotia Health in delivering programs for individuals with acquired brain injuries. The target identified is the number of individuals who are supporting through the ABI Day Program and ABI Outreach teams annually.	3,051	5,510

¹ Results impacted by staffing challenges; on track to meet target in 2025-26.

2024 - 2025 Results

Initiative 4 - Sustainability, Accountability and System Performance		
Percentage of long-term care facilities that have implemented interRAI- LTCF	100%	100%
<p><i>Indicator Descriptor:</i></p> <p>AWD funding supports the implementation and ongoing management of the interRAI-LTCF, a person-centred assessment that evaluates the needs, strengths and preferences of those living in a LTC facility.</p> <p>Information from the assessment is used to identify areas for improvement and risks for a decline in health, well-being and function. The target identified is the percentage of LTC facilities in the province that have implemented interRAI-LTCF.</p>		

Long-Term Care Targets

The targets identified below are to be achieved by March 31, 2028.

Indicator	Target (by March 31, 2028)	2024-25 Results
Priority Area 1 - Workforce Stability		
Total registered Continuing Care Assistants	10,741	10,359
<p><i>Indicator Descriptor:</i></p> <p>Certified CCAs have completed all components of the CCA Program and have passed the CCA certification exam. The target identified is the number of registered CCAs in Nova Scotia by March 31, 2028.</p>		
Priority Area 2 - Long-Term Care Standards		
Number of LTC facilities who have signed new service agreements	91	55
<p><i>Indicator Descriptor:</i></p> <p>The Department of Seniors and Long-Term Care is working with long-term care service providers to renew service agreements. The target identified is the number of facilities that have signed service agreements by March 31, 2028.</p>		