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BACKGROUND

The Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA) is an independent organization legislated under the *Health Quality Council of Alberta Act*, with a mandate to survey Albertans on their experience and satisfaction with patient safety and health service quality.

Alberta's continuing care system provides Albertans of advanced age or disability with the healthcare, personal care, and accomodation services they need to support their daily activities, independence, and quality of life. There are three streams of continuing care in Alberta tailored to the clients' level of need and/or limitations: home care, supportive living, and facility living (Figure 1). The focus of this Methodology Report is Home Care. Home care supports individuals' health and wellness goals, and helps them remain safe and independent in their own home or care setting for as long as possible.

Figure 1: Three streams of the continuing care system

Three Streams of the Continuing Care System					
Home Care	Supportive Living			Facility Living	
Independent Living (e.g., House, Apartment and Condominium)	A congregate setting Non-Designated Supportive Living (e.g., Lodges, Group Homes and Congregate Settings)	that combines accommodation services with other s Designated Supportive Living (DSL) A congregate setting that provides additional support with on-site health care staff			r supports and care Long-Term Care (LTC) Facility (i.e., Nursing Homes and Auxiliary Hospitals)
Publicly funded health care is provided through the Home Care Program	Publicly funded health care is provided through the Home Care Program	DSL- 3 24-hour onsite care provided by health care staff*	24-hour on- site care provided by health care staff*	DSL 4- Dementia 24-hour on-site care provided by health care staff* in a therapeutic environment	24-hour on-site health care services provided by a diverse mix of health care professionals** and health care staff

Figure courtesy of Alberta Health.

^{*}Health care staff in DSL 3, 4 and 4D may include Health Care Aides, Therapy Assistants and Licensed Practical Nurses.

^{**}Health care professionals in LTC may include Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Health Care Aides, Occupational and Physical Therapists and Physicians.



CLIENT EXPERIENCE

The Alberta Seniors Home Care Client Experience Survey

Feedback from home care clients about the quality of care and services that they received was collected using the HQCA's *Alberta Seniors Home Care Client Experience Survey* in collaboration with AHS and Alberta Health (AH). Survey results are used to describe the current state of home care from the client's perspective and to assist in the identification of areas for improvement and success.

The Alberta Seniors Home Care Client Experience Survey is a 55-question self-reported assessment of various topics about home care and the services that home care delivers and/or manages. Topic areas include: 1) case manager relationship, 2) care plan and care meetings, 3) home care professional and personal care services; and 4) overall ratings (i.e., Global Overall Care rating, professional services, and personal care services).

Survey development

The *Alberta Seniors Home Care Client Experience Survey* questionnaire was developed by the HQCA in partnership with AHS and AH because a provincial home care questionnaire did not exist that was appropriate for the Alberta context. The survey development process was extensive and involved the selection of questions, cognitive testing (Phase I and Phase II), and a pilot study. These processes are summarized in Figure 2.



Figure 2: Home care survey development timeline

Phase II - Part 1

Cognitive Testing

Thirty clients and 11 family members presented with survey items to ascertain:

- How questions were interpreted and understood
- How important the topics covered were to clients and family members
- · General feedback on survey process

Jan-Mar 2014

Phase III

Pilot Project
Survey questionnaire further
refined for Pilot. Conducted
January 2015 among 200
Home Care clients (50 in each
zone).

Jan-Mar 2015

	Jan 2013	May 2013	Sep 2013	Jan 2014	May 2014	Sep 2014	Jan 2015	May 2015
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2013

Phase I: Survey pre-work:

- Initial selection of questions
- Consultation with various AH and AHS stakeholders, in addition to Home Care Case Managers
- Various iterations of question and questionnaire format

84 questions initially selected from:

- Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS)
 Home Healthcare Questionnaire (US and Canada)
- Quality of Home and Community-based Services Experience Survey (US)
- · Advisory Panel Suggestions

Oct-Dec 2014

Phase II – Part 2 Cognitive Testing

Using findings from Part I, selected items were combined into a questionnaire. Twenty-four clients and family members surveyed in-person.

Part II also evaluated the impact of cognitive impairment on survey response.

Mar – Jul 2015

Full Survey

Further refinement from pilot project. Full survey administered in two parallel waves:

- Self-administered questionnaire (main survey)
- In-person interview with client and family care giver



Phase I: Selection of questions

Phase I involved the initial selection of questions from pre-existing surveys in the areas of continuing care and home health care, consultation with stakeholders, and the review of versions of the questions and the format of the questionnaire. Two pre-existing surveys were thoroughly reviewed:

- Home Health Care Consumer Assessment of Health Providers and Systems (HHC-CAHPS)¹: Items were derived from the HHC-CAHPS because it is a questionnaire with an extensive development process involving literature reviews, cognitive testing, stakeholder input, survey piloting, and psychometric analyses. It was also previously adapted and implemented in the Canadian context as a home care survey in New Brunswick in 2012.² Content limitations relative to Alberta's home care context were identified in the review. Items within the survey focused primarily on professional services, including the frequency of professional services being delivered, and less on the experiences of the clients receiving services and personal care services.
- Home and Community-based Services Experience Survey (HCBS)³: This survey was in development by Truven Health Analytics (in partnership with the American Institutes for Research), but a draft of the tool was shared with the HQCA. Items were identified to address the topics of personal care services in the home and community that were absent from the HCC-CAHPS.

Information obtained from the review of these surveys along with feedback from consultations with stakeholders was used to draft a survey.

Phase II: Cognitive Testing

Phase II of survey development involved cognitive testing and occurred in two phases. Cognitive testing is a systematic and theory-based approach to testing the validity of questionnaires. Items are evaluated within a questionnaire based on the four steps of cognitive response to questions:

- 1. Comprehension
- 2. Retrieval/recall
- 3. Estimation/judgement
- 4. Response

¹ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Home Health Care [Internet]. Oct 2014 [cited 2016 Feb 12]. Available from https://cahps.ahrq.gov/surveys-guidance/home/

² Implementation in New Brunswick is significant because the home care programs in Alberta and New Brunswick are similar; across both provinces, the majority of professional services are delivered by public healthcare, whereas the majority of personal care services are contracted to private organizations.

³ National Council on Aging. Development of the Home and Community Based Services Experience Survey [Internet]. 2012 Dec 18 [cited 2016 Feb 12]. Available from: https://www.ncoa.org/wp-content/uploads/FMC-Webinar-HCBS-Experience-Survey.pdf



To answer a question one must know what is being asked (comprehension), recall a past event or time as a reference point for the question (retrieval/recall), appraise the event relative to the question being asked (estimation/judgement), and respond to the question based on available responses (response). Cognitive interviewing uses probing methods to examine all four steps of question answering. Results inform item selection, the adaptation of existing questions to the population, and the creation of instructions specific to the population that is answering the survey.

Cognitive testing was deemed important for the development process for several reasons:

- Most of the existing surveys in home care were not specific to home care in Alberta and/or had not been implemented in the Canadian context.
- Most of the existing surveys focused solely on professional services or personal care services.
- A substantial proportion of long term maintenance and support home care clients are seniors who may have some cognitive impairments.

Cognitive Testing Part I (January to March 2014)

The intent of Part I of cognitive testing was to identify if clients understood the questionnaire items, and to capture feedback on the survey process from clients and on potential topics from family members. Part I included 30 cognitively intact 4 home care clients (N = 30) from across all five AHS zones that lived at home or in a non-designated supportive living facility, and received professional services, personal care services, or both, and 11 family members.

Findings indicated that many clients did not fully understand the scope of home care. For example, some clients expected services beyond the scope of home care to be provided, such as in-house meal preparation. In addition, some clients residing in non-designated supportive living facilities had trouble distinguishing between home care staff and facility staff. Clients also had difficulty distinguishing between professional services staff and personal care staff. To improve the clients' understanding of the questions, it was recommended that definitions (e.g., case manager) and examples of professional services staff and personal care staff be provided in the questionnaire.

In terms of survey process, clients generally liked the format of the questionnaire and stated they would participate in a self-administered mail-in survey. Family members provided feedback on which topics were most important to be covered in the survey.

Cognitive Testing Part II (October to December 2014)

Part II involved implementing the questionnaire with both cognitively impaired⁵ and cognitively intact⁶ clients, and evaluating the impact of cognitive impairment on responses to the questions.

⁴ Participants were expected to have a Cognitive Performance Scale score of 0.

 $^{^{\}rm 5}$ Participants were expected to have a Cognitive Performance Scale score of 1 to 4.

⁶ Participants were expected to have a Cognitive Performance Scale score of 0 to 1.



In general, cognitively impaired clients had more difficulty completing the questionnaire, differentiating between professional and personal care staff, and identifying their case manager.

Clients were also asked whether they would prefer a shorter, simpler questionnaire. Preferences were mixed, however due to difficulties in completing the questionnaire and difficulty in differentiating staff, a simpler and shorter questionnaire was regarded as the preferred option for clients with cognitive impairment.

Phase III: Pilot study (January to March 2015)

A pilot study was undertaken to further evaluate the questionnaire and survey process. The pilot study surveyed 100 home care clients in the Calgary and Central Zone aged 65 and older who were cognitively intact.⁷ An additional 100 cognitively impaired home care clients in the Calgary and Central Zone aged 65 and older with moderate cognitive impairment⁸ were also surveyed using a shorter version of the survey with a parallel family version.

Clients with cognitive impairment, even with the shorter version, had difficulty completing the questionnaire, with some returned by a family proxy. The response rate for this group was low (31%), and findings could not be generalized to the population. In addition, there were more skip errors, contradictory inter-item responses, and inconsistent ratings on global measures.

The key recommendation from the pilot study was to focus solely on cognitively intact clients and to capture the experiences of clients with cognitive impairment (and their family members) using an indepth interview and in-person administration of the survey tool.

Psychometric properties of the final tool

The final version of the *Alberta Seniors Home Care Client Experience Survey* includes 55 survey items; most items are modified versions of questions from existing questionnaires. The survey was found to demonstrate good psychometric properties for long term supportive and maintenance home care clients, ages 65 and older. The internal consistency of each sections of the survey was measured by Cronbach's alpha with estimates ranging from 0.65-0.88. Generally, Cronbach's alpha estimates of 0.70 or greater are considered acceptable.⁹

Construct validity of the questionnaire was assessed by looking at relationships between several ratings of home care experience. The Global Overall Care rating has been previously established as a measure of overall experience in seniors. ¹⁰ Both ratings of professional services and personal care services (*Poor* to *Excellent*) were positively correlated with the Global Overall Care rating (0.70 and 0.73 respectively). They were also correlated with each other (0.80). Furthermore, several individual survey questions as

⁷ Participants were expected to have a Cognitive Performance Scale score of 0 to 1.

 $^{^{\}rm 8}$ Participants were expected to have a Cognitive Performance Scale score of 2 to 3.

⁹ Nunnally JC. Psychometric Theory. Second Edition. New York: McGraw-Hill; 1978.

¹⁰ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Home Health Care [Internet]. Oct 2014 [cited 2016 Feb 12]. Available from https://cahps.ahrq.gov/surveys-guidance/home/



well as summary scores were significantly associated with Global Overall Care. The pattern of relationships was observed in expected directions, thereby supporting the construct validity of the questionnaire as a whole.

For both sections on the survey about professional and personal care services, clients were asked to indicate how many visits they had received and to skip the section if they had not received at least three visits. Skipping errors were observed to occur, with clients completing a section of the survey even if they indicated receiving less than three visits. In these cases, responses to the questions were excluded only if both the client's report and administrative data indicated they received less than three visits. For professional services, 57 responses were excluded; while 60 responses were excluded for personal care services. To deal with this issue, responses from skip errors are removed from the analyses.

SURVEY SAMPLING DESIGN, RECRUITMENT, AND RESPONSENT INCLUSION/EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Home care clients are categorized by AHS into six main groups: acute, rehabilitation, long term supportive, end-of-life, maintenance, and wellness. Home care is a program that supports Albertans of all ages, but the *Alberta Seniors Home Care Client Experience Survey* was developed to be used with cognitively able seniors (65+ years of age) who are long term supportive and maintenance clients. This type of home care client was chosen for the following reasons:
 - o The majority of home care clients are seniors and long term supportive and maintenance clients.
 - o This group was sufficiently homogenous to permit use of a single questionnaire tool.
 - Younger populations, such as the pediatric population, typically have different needs and access different resources relative to the majority of home care clients.
 - Based on cognitive testing, clients with lower cognitive performance (CPS score over 1) could not independently complete the survey in sufficient numbers to be reliably included in a selfadministered survey process.
- Important to note is that survey results from the Alberta Seniors Home Care Client Experience Survey are generalizable only for long term and maintenance home care clients 65 years of age and older. Findings from this survey do not represent the perspectives and experiences of other home care client types.¹¹

Eligible respondents (clients) were identified using a list obtained from AHS of all long term supportive and maintenance home care clients in Alberta. Current clients (defined as receiving services any time during the period of April to June 2018) were identified and included, with data collection beginning October 2018.

Clients were included according to the following criteria:

¹¹ Combined the long-term supportive and maintenance client types represent 54.9 per cent of all clients served by home care.



- At least 60 days of service as of September 30, 2018
- Received home care services in all settings with the exception of long term care, designated supportive living, and hospice
- Cognitive Performance Scale score of 0 or 1 (intact to borderline intact cognition)
- Age 65 or older as of September 30, 2018
- Received on average at least one service visit per week of any kind (i.e., professional services or personal care services)
- Valid mailing address
 - Existing postal code
 - No "care of" in address line
 - o Address in Alberta

The following three-stage mailing protocol was used to ensure a maximum response rate:

- Initial mailing of questionnaire packages.
- Postcard reminders to all non-respondents.
- Re-mailing of the questionnaire package with a modified cover letter to all non-respondents.

Non-respondents and survey packages with invalid addresses were followed-up by phone, up to eight times, in an attempt to obtain a valid address and reason for non-response.

COMPARISON GROUPS

Two comparison groups are used to organize survey results on the FOCUS on Healthcare website. These include: AHS zone and geography. These comparison groups are defined as follows:

Zones

AHS is organized into five geographic zones (i.e., South, Calgary, Central, Edmonton, and North), with each site located in one of these zones. Survey results on the FOCUS on Healthcare website are organized using zone as a comparator group.

Geography

Geography was based on the site's postal code, and is defined as:

- Metropolitan (Metro): This classification is based on postal code and includes information from respondents located in the cities of Calgary and Edmonton proper and the areas immediately surrounding Calgary and Edmonton, known as commuter communities.
- Urban: This classification is based on postal code and includes information from respondents
 located in major urban centres with populations of greater than 25,000 but less than 500,000 or
 within a local geographic area that surrounds these urban centres.



• **Rural:** This classification is based on postal code and includes information from respondents that are located in a population that is less than 25,000 and/or greater than 200 kilometres away from an urban centre.



APPENDICES



2018 Alberta Seniors Home Care Client Experience Survey

September 2018

Instructions

- This survey asks questions about the home care services you receive from Alberta Health Services (AHS) professional or personal care services staff or the agency staff contracted by AHS to provide personal care services (not any private services that you may be paying out-of-pocket for).
- Please complete the survey ONLY if you currently receive <u>at least one visit</u>
 <u>each week</u> from home care. If you have less frequent visits than that, please
 make a note on the cover page and return it in the envelope provided, or call
 the number below to let us know.
- It's fine to seek help from family or friends, but for a few questions it is very important that the answer reflect YOUR own personal opinion. These are noted inside. Please do NOT get help filling the survey out from home care staff.
- For each question, please mark your choice with a blue or black pen by filling in the circle ○ as shown here. →



- There are no right or wrong answers just your views, and you are free to skip any questions that you don't want to answer.
- If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this survey you are welcome to call:
 - ✓ PRA Inc at 1-888-877-6744 (toll free) and ask to speak to the Home Care Survey Manager
- Your feedback is very important for planning and improving home care services in Alberta. *Thank-you!*



Your Case Manager

By **Case Manager** we mean the person who is in charge of your services, that is — the person who checks what you need, arranges for care, and makes sure things are going well for you.

1.	Do you know who your Case Manager is?
	YesNo – If no, go to question 6
2.	When my last Case Manager started, they introduced themselves and explained their role in my care.
	YesNoI don't know
3.	In the last year, I was able to reach my Case Manager when I needed her/him.
	YesPartlyNoI don't know
4.	In the last year, my Case Manager helped me get all of the home care services that I needed.
	YesPartlyNoI don't know
5.	<u>In the last year</u> , my Case Manager helped me get changes to my home care services.
	 Yes Partly No I didn't need changes I don't know



6.	In the last year, approximately how many different Case Managers have you had?
	∫ Just one
	2 or 3
	More than 3
	○ I don't know
	Planning Your Home Care Services
Yc	our Care Plan
Ву	Care Plan we mean the written document prepared by your Case Manager, that
<u>ha</u>	s the details about your needs and services.
<u>Ву</u>	Family we mean your spouse, siblings, children or any other person you consider
<u>to</u>	<u>be family.</u>
7.	In the last year, I was involved in making my Care Plan.
	○ Yes, a lot
	Yes, a little
	O No, not at all
	No, I don't think I should be involvedI don't know
	O I don't know
8.	In the last year, my family was involved in making my Care Plan.
	Yes, a little
	No, staff didn't include themNo, I didn't want family involved
	No, i didn't want family involved No, my family was unable to be involved
	I have no family available
	O I don't know
9.	In the last year, my Care Plan included
	Most of the things I needed
	Some of the things I needed
	Almost none of the things I needed
	I have not seen my Care PlanI don't know
	<u> </u>



io. <u>In the last year</u> , nome care provided
 Most of the things in my Care Plan Some of the things in my Care Plan Almost none of the things in my Care Plan I don't know
Care Meetings
11. In the last year, I was part of a meeting with my Case Manager about my care.
 Yes No, I wasn't part of a meeting No, there was no meeting I don't know if there was a meeting
12. <u>In the last year</u> , my family doctor seemed to know about important details of my home care services.
 Yes, most of the time Yes, some of the time No I don't know I don't have a family doctor
L3. If I wanted to change my home care services, I would talk to My Case Manager Other home care staff Family or friends My family doctor I don't know



Home Care Professional Services

By **professional services** we mean treatments like care for your wounds, or physiotherapy, provided by professional staff like nurses, physical therapists and occupational therapists. If you did NOT get <u>at least 3 visits</u> for professional services, fill in this circle \bigcirc and skip to Question 32.

	cupational therapists. If you did NOT get <u>at least 3 visits</u> for professional services, in this circle () and skip to Question 32.
14.	In the last year, professional home care services met my needs for managing my pain.
	 Yes Partly No I did not need this I don't know
15.	In the last year, professional home care services met my needs for help with medical procedures (like wound care).
	 Yes Partly No I did not need this I don't know
16	In the last year, professional home care services met my needs for help with therapy (like physiotherapy).
	 Yes Partly No I did not need this I don't know
17.	In the last year, professional home care services met my needs for setting up my home so I could move around safely.
	 Yes Partly No I did not need this I don't know



18. In the last year, professional home care services met my needs for setting up my home so I could do things independently.
 Yes Partly No I did not need this I don't know
The next few questions are about your medications: 19. In the last year, professional home care staff talked with me about the purpose of my medications.
 Yes Partly No I did not need this I don't know
20. <u>In the last year</u> , professional home care staff reviewed all of my medications.
 Yes Partly No I did not need this I don't know
21. In the last year, professional home care staff talked with me about the side effects of my medications.
 Yes Partly No I did not need this I don't know



22. In the last year, professional home care staff talked with me about when to
take my medications.
 Yes Partly No I did not need this I don't know
The next few questions (23 to 31) are about how your professional home care staff treated you. Please provide ONLY YOUR OWN OPINION for these questions.
23. In the last year, my professional home care staff explained things in a way that was easy to understand.
YesPartlyNoI don't know
24. <u>In the last year</u> , my professional home care staff knew what kind of care I needed and how to provide it.
YesPartlyNoI don't know
25. <u>In the last year</u> , my professional home care staff treated me with courtesy and respect.
YesPartlyNoI don't know
26. <u>In the last year,</u> my professional home care staff treated me as gently as possible when providing care.
YesPartlyNoI don't know



27.	In the last year, my professional home care staff gave me choices about how care was provided.
	YesPartlyNoI don't know
28.	In the last year, my professional home care staff listened carefully to my wishes and needs.
	YesPartlyNoI don't know
29.	<u>In the last year,</u> my professional home care staff made me feel safe and that my belongings were safe.
	YesPartlyNoI don't know
30.	Do you have any concerns about your <u>professional home care services</u> ? O No
	Yes: (If you wish to, please describe your concerns in the box below):
31.	OVERALL, how would you rate your professional home care services? (please think about <u>all</u> professional staff together)
	PoorFairGood
	Very GoodExcellent



Personal Care Services

By **personal care services** we mean things like help with dressing, eating, bathing and going to the bathroom. These services are provided by personal care staff (also called Health Care Aides). Please answer for personal care services you get from home care, not for help you may get from family. If you did NOT get at least 3 visits for personal services, fill in this circle \bigcirc and skip to Question 49.

_	In the last year, how do you feel about the number of different personal care staff you have had?
·	I'm very happy with the number I've had I'm OK with the number I've had I'm not happy at all with the number I've had I don't know
_	In the last year, personal care staff met my needs for help with showering obathing.
	 Yes Partly No I did not need this I don't know
_	In the last year, personal care staff met my needs for help with getting dressed.
	 Yes Partly No I did not need this I don't know
_	In the last year, personal care staff met my needs for help with using the bathroom.
	 Yes Partly No I did not need this I don't know



36. In the last year, personal care staff met my needs for help with eating.
YesPartlyNoI did not need this
O I don't know
37. In the last year, personal care staff met my needs for help with taking medications.
Yes○ Partly○ No
I did not need this I don't know
The next few questions (38-48) are about how your personal care staff treated you. Please provide ONLY YOUR OWN OPINION for these questions.
38. <u>In the last year</u> , personal care staff let me know when they could not come
YesPartlyNoI don't know
39. <u>In the last year</u> , personal care staff knew what kind of care I needed and how to provide it.
YesPartlyNoI don't know
40. In the last year, personal care staff treated me with kindness even during difficult or embarrassing tasks.
Yes Partly No
○ I don't know



41. In the last year, personal care staff listened carefully to my wishes and needs.
YesPartlyNoI don't know
42. In the last year, personal care staff encouraged me to do things for myself i could.
YesPartlyNoI don't know
43. In the last year, personal care staff kept me informed about when they would arrive.
YesPartlyNoI don't know
44. In the last year, personal care staff explained things in a way that was easy to understand.
YesPartlyNoI don't know
45. In the last year, personal care staff treated me as gently as possible when providing care.
YesPartlyNoI don't know



belongings were safe.		
YesPartlyNoI don't know		
47. Do you have any concerns about your <u>personal care services</u> ?		
NoYes: (If you wish to, please describe your concerns in the box below):		
48. OVERALL, how would you rate your personal care services?		
(please think about <u>all</u> personal care staff together)		
O Poor Fair		
Good		
Very GoodExcellent		



Other Service Needs

The next questions are about any <u>other services</u> that you may have needed that are **NOT** provided by Alberta Health Services home care (such as yardwork or grocery delivery). These may be services you have to pay for or services provided by family, friends or volunteers for free.

19. In the last year, was there any service of any kind that you felt you needed but didn't get?		
No- if No, go to question 51Yes: (if you wish please describe in the box below)		
50. In the last year, did your Case Manager help you get these other types of services in your community?		
 I needed services but my Case Manager didn't help me My Case Manager tried to help me but I still didn't get other services Yes, I was helped by my Case Manager to get other services 		



Your Overall Rating of Home Care Services and Other Questions

	including both professional and personal services), where 0 is the worst and 10 is the pest?
	O 0
	\bigcirc 1
	○ 2
	○ 3
	○ 4
	○ 6 7
	○ / ○ 8
	 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6 ○ 7 ○ 8 ○ 9
	○ 10
	hem. Other people need their equipment replaced or repaired. Have you
	Sked your case manager for help with getting or fixing equipment? Yes No – if No, go to question 54
53	asked your case manager for help with getting or fixing equipment? (Yes
53	Yes No – if No, go to question 54 Did your case manager work with you when you asked for help with getting or fixing equipment?
53	Asked your case manager for help with getting or fixing equipment? Yes No – if No, go to question 54 Did your case manager work with you when you asked for help with getting
53	Asked your case manager for help with getting or fixing equipment? Yes No – if No, go to question 54 Did your case manager work with you when you asked for help with getting or fixing equipment? Yes Partly No
53	Asked your case manager for help with getting or fixing equipment? Yes No – if No, go to question 54 Did your case manager work with you when you asked for help with getting or fixing equipment? Yes Partly No I did not need this
53	Asked your case manager for help with getting or fixing equipment? Yes No – if No, go to question 54 Did your case manager work with you when you asked for help with getting or fixing equipment? Yes Partly No



54. Thinking of the home care services you received through a government home care program, did these services help you stay at home?

hospice, or suppor	nome" we mean that it enabled you to stay out of a hospital, nursing home, tive living facility). By government home care program we mean services
arranged through	Alberta Health Services.
0000	Yes No Not sure I don't know
55. Did someon	e help you complete this survey?
\circ	No Yes, my spouse
_	Yes, another family member
_	Yes, home care staff
_	Yes, someone else (please specify)
56. If Yes, how	did that person help you? (please mark all that apply)
\bigcirc	Read the questions to me
\circ	Wrote down the answers I gave
\bigcirc	Answered the questions for me
\bigcirc	Talked with me about what my answer should be
\bigcirc	Translated the questions into my language
<u> </u>	Helped in another way (please describe how they helped in the box below)

Please feel free to write any other comments you have about your home care services or this survey on the back of this page, and then return your completed survey in the postage-paid envelope. Results will be available on the HQCA website in Summer of 2019 or you can call 403-297-8162 then to request a copy by mail. Thank you very much for your feedback. It will be used to make home care services in Alberta better!



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