



REQUEST FOR SUPPORT APPLICATION FORM

Date of Request	Nov 17, 2025
Organization/Group making the request	NP LTC access Initiative
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Type of Support Requested (Select one)	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Letter of Support in Principle <input type="radio"/> In-Kind Contribution <input type="radio"/> Partnership</p> <p><i>Note: This policy is not applicable to requests for grant funding by the City, including Permissive Tax Exemption requests, or in-kind funding for facility rentals (see Grants Policy and Guidelines for further details)</i></p>

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Name of grant or program for which you are applying:

Amount of Funding Requested: _____ Grant Due Date: _____

Grant Organization: _____

Address: _____

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Telephone: _____

Please provide an executive summary or short narrative that addresses each of the points outlined in the "Council Support policy". Include any supporting documents or materials and a detailed list of other funding partners (if applicable).

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Request for Ministry of Health Engagement: NP-Led Attachment Pilot in Nanaimo Long Term Care

Date: Nov 17/2025

From: Nurse Practitioner Long Term Care Access Initiative

To: Mayor and Council, The City of Nanaimo

Background and Context

The Long Term Care (LTC) system across British Columbia is experiencing tremendous challenges and the impacts of these challenges are being felt by patients and care givers across the Province. Over the past year the City of Nanaimo is facing a critical access issue: funded LTC beds are sitting empty because there are no physicians available to attach as Most Responsible Providers (MRPs). This has led to delayed admissions, hospital backlogs, and increased Alternate Level of Care (ALC) pressures. The problem is expected to worsen due to multiple pending physician retirements and increasing numbers of physicians stepping away from LTC practice due to workload and burnout.

Nurse Practitioners (NPs) in Nanaimo have indicated strong interest and readiness to support residents in LTC to ensure timely access to comprehensive, high-quality primary care. Local partners recognize the urgency of this issue and supports collaborative exploration of innovative solutions that leverage NP capacity to sustain access and continuity of care for LTC residents.

Purpose

A group of identified NPs is seeking the Ministry of Health's support to explore and develop an appropriate funding or contractual mechanism that would enable NPs to participate in LTC attachment under a pilot model in Nanaimo.

Problem

- Funded LTC beds remain unfilled due to a shortage of available MRPs.
- The situation is expected to worsen with upcoming physician retirements and limited recruitment capacity.
- Patients are experiencing delayed LTC admission, contributing to hospital ALC pressures, system inefficiency, and bed shortages across Vancouver Island.
- While NPs have capacity and interest to fill this gap, current funding models do not provide a clear mechanism for NP participation in LTC attachment.

Proposed Pilot Concept

A pilot project is proposed to enable NPs in Nanaimo to attach LTC residents as MRPs, ensuring access to high-quality primary care and continuity for residents.

Participation:

- Seven NPs have expressed interest and are prepared to roster up to 20 residents each. Additional NPs are being canvassed.

Collaborative Development:

- NPs, The Division of Family Practice in Nanaimo, the Ministry, FPSC, and NNPBC working together to define the most appropriate and sustainable mechanism to support NP participation. The model would align with the goals and expectations of the LTCI framework, ensuring quality and consistency in care delivery.

Anticipated Benefits

- System Relief: Immediate ability to fill vacant LTC beds, reduce ALC length of stay, increase bed capacity, and improve patient flow.
- Continuity and Stability: Builds a resilient provider base to mitigate the impact of physician capacity.
- Quality of Care: Supports the continuation of proactive, relationship-based care aligned with LTC best practices.
- Collaboration and Innovation: Demonstrates the Ministry's commitment to collaborative, interdisciplinary approaches to health system challenges.
- Scalability: Provides a model that can be evaluated and adapted in other communities across the province.

Risks and Mitigation

- Resident Attachment Volume: Approximately 30 LTC beds are currently empty, with further demand anticipated due to new facility construction and pending retirements.
- NP Experience: Three NPs with experience providing care for LTC level patients are prepared to mentor peers.
- Site Medical Coordinators will assist with onboarding and care integration.

Request of the Ministry of Health

- Engage directly with participating NPs and NNPBC to determine an appropriate and sustainable mechanism to support NP participation in LTC attachment inclusive of direct teleplan billing or specialized contract.
- Collaborate with the Nanaimo Division of Family Practice and FPSC to design and implement a pilot model in Nanaimo.
- Support evaluation and knowledge-sharing to inform future provincial approaches to LTC attachment and workforce sustainability.

Request of the City of Nanaimo

- Request of a "Letter of Support in Principle" to assist with the Ministry of Health submission

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Letter of Support – Nurse Practitioner as Most Responsible Provider (MRP) Pilot Project in Nanaimo

I am a physician working in the community at the Geriatric Specialist Service clinic where I see patients in Long term Care facilities (LTC). I am also involved with inpatients in NRGH including those on the “ Courtyard” who are already under the care / MRP of nurse practitioners. I am writing to express my full support for the proposed pilot project introducing **Nurse Practitioners (NPs) as the Most Responsible Providers (MRPs)** within LTC facilities in Nanaimo.

This innovative initiative represents an important and timely opportunity to address ongoing challenges in provider access and continuity of care within our LTC system. By enabling Nurse Practitioners to serve as MRPs, the pilot aligns with our shared goal of improving resident outcomes, enhancing quality of care, and supporting more sustainable models of service delivery.

Nurse Practitioners bring advanced clinical expertise, a holistic approach to resident care, and the ability to collaborate effectively within interdisciplinary teams. Their leadership as MRPs can help ensure timely medical management, improved communication with families and staff, and a consistent presence within the facility — all of which contribute to better resident experiences and system efficiency.

I strongly believe this pilot will not only benefit residents but also strengthen the overall functioning of care teams. It has the potential to serve as a model for other regions seeking to enhance access and quality in long-term care through innovative, evidence-informed approaches.

I commend the organizers of this initiative for their vision and commitment to improving care for older adults in our community, and I am pleased to lend my full support to this important pilot.

Sincerely,

Dr John Coyle FRCPC

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November 10th, 2025

To: Whom it may concern

Re: Request for Letter of Support

Seeking Endorsement for Nurse Practitioner "Most Responsible Provider" Pilot in Nanaimo

I am reaching out today in response to your email on November 5th, 2025 to support Nurse Practitioners to serve as MRPs within our Long-Term Care Community.

I have had the opportunity to work with Nurse Practitioners at Vancouver Coastal Health and will be supporting the pilot program in Nanaimo.

Nurse Practitioners play a crucial role in Long-Term Care, and my experience with them has been outstanding.

Sincerely,



Vinita Goundar
Clinical Nurse Manager, Harmony House

To Whom It May Concern,

I support the letter as stated.

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Signature of Long Term Care Leadership Representative

Sharon Trank

Printed Name

Nov 5, 2025

Date

To Whom It May Concern,

I support the letter as stated.

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Signature of Long Term Care Leadership Representative

Ashleigh Wasner

Printed Name

NOV. 4, 2025

Date

November 7, 2025

To Whom it may concern;

I am writing to express my support for the proposed NP LTCI program in Nanaimo. I am the LTCI physician lead in Nanaimo, and I see first hand the challenges we are facing as an LTCI physician and initiative lead.

The proposed pilot seeks to reduce the ongoing gaps in provider access in LTC. It hopes to enhance the quality of care delivered to residents by leveraging the advanced clinical expertise of nurse practitioners. By designating nurse practitioners as MRPs, we anticipate positive resident outcomes, continuity of care, and overall satisfaction among both residents and staff.

I support this proposal and this group of dedicated practitioners.

Sincerely,


[Luella Miller \(Nov 7, 2025 13:37:22 PST\)](#)

Dr Luella Miller

Request for Letter of Support

Seeking Endorsement for Nurse Practitioner "Most Responsible Provider" Pilot in Nanaimo

November 13, 2025

Dear Long Term Care Leadership,

I am writing to request a letter of support from the leadership of long term care (LTC) organizations in for the potential pilot project in Nanaimo. This initiative aims to introduce the role of Nurse Practitioners as the Most Responsible Provider (MRP) within facilities with novel use of existing funding within the Ministry.

The proposed pilot seeks to reduce the ongoing gaps in provider access in LTC. It hopes to enhance the quality of care delivered to residents by leveraging the advanced clinical expertise of nurse practitioners. By designating nurse practitioners as MRPs, we anticipate positive resident outcomes, continuity of care, and overall satisfaction among both residents and staff.

Your endorsement is vital in demonstrating organizational commitment to innovative care models and supporting ongoing efforts to address the evolving healthcare needs of our community. A letter of support from long term care leadership will help secure necessary resources, foster collaboration, and showcase our dedication to excellence in resident-centered care.

If you require additional information about the pilot, its objectives, or potential impacts, I am happy to provide further details. Thank you for considering this request. Your support will be instrumental in advancing this initiative and improving access for Residents in LTC.

Sincerely,

Bryan Say NP(A)

Nurse Practitioner

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To Whom It May Concern,

I support the letter as stated.

Signature of

Printed Name

Date

DRAFT