

SENIORS

RIGHT CARE
RIGHT PLACE
RIGHT TIME

Alternate Level of Care (ALC)

When a person is occupying an acute care bed and unable to access home and community care services they are referred to as Alternate Level of Care (ALC) or bed blockers.



85%
of ALC patients are seniors aged 65+

Canadians are stuck in hospital beds



14%

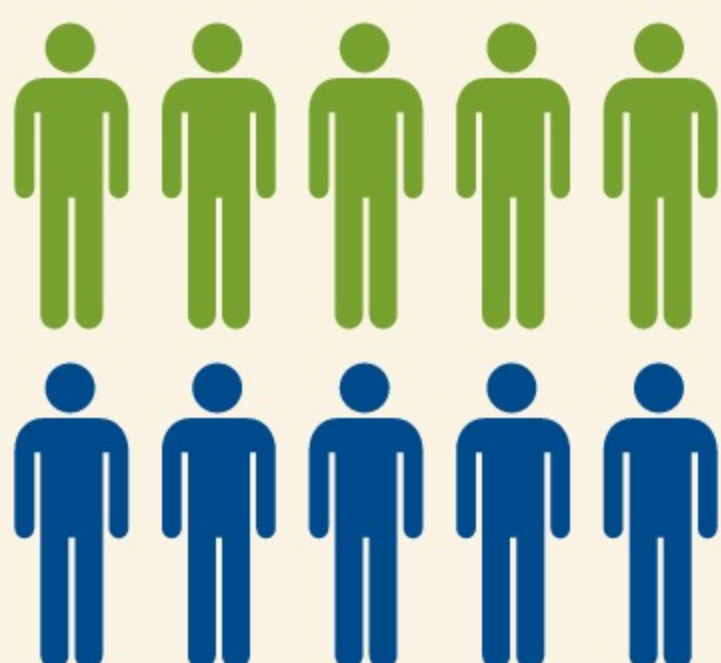
of Canadian hospital beds are filled with patients who are ready to be discharged but for whom there are no available supports in home and community care.



Each year these patients use of hospital beds exceeds

2.4M Days

BC Seniors are waiting for care



50%

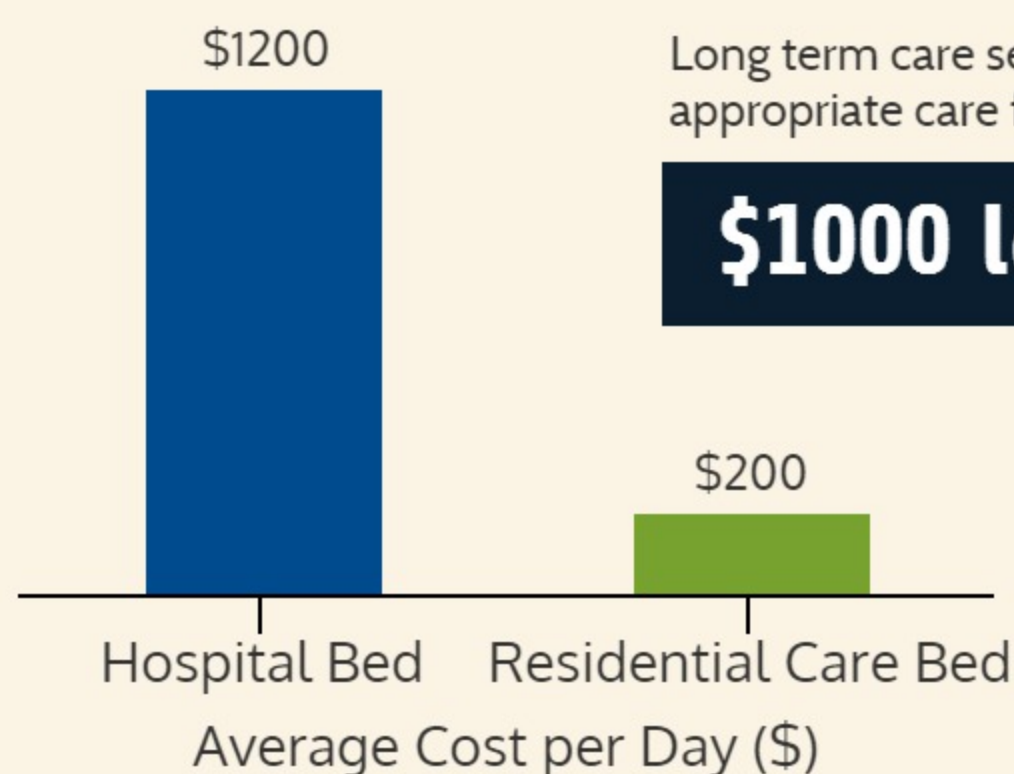
of ALC patients are seniors waiting for placement into residential care.



This is in part because the average wait time in British Columbia for residential care is

45 Days

Investing in long term care saves \$\$\$



Long term care settings provide more appropriate care for seniors and cost up to

\$1000 less per day



If 50% of ALC days could be reduced by caring for patients in residential care homes it could generate over

\$200 Million

Match seniors to long term care beds



STEP 1

Create a public registry to track vacant residential care beds and hospitals' ALC days and - similar to the one run by the UK's National Health Service

Use existing residential care capacity identified by the registry to find more appropriate spaces for seniors

STEP 2

