Yukon

Hiring Private Health Care Services

For More Information on Regulated professionals in the Yukon, contact:

Yukon Registered Nurse Association (YRNA):

(867) 667-4062

Professional Licencing and Regulatory Affairs (PLRA):

(867) 667-5111

Some clients/residents may consider hiring private healthcare providers. When hiring private healthcare providers, it is important that the person you hire has the right training and background to deliver safe services. This information sheet will help as a guide to make informed choices about hiring private healthcare providers.

Some professions require regulation. **Regulatory bodies** act to protect the public by ensuring that members of the profession meet certain criteria to practice their profession safely.

Some professionals are regulated in the Yukon, such as:

- Physiotherapists
- Nurses

Some professionals are **not** regulated in the Yukon, such as:

- Dietitians
- Occupational Therapists
- Recreational Therapists
- Social Workers
- Speech-Language Pathologists

Things to consider when screening a private health care provider:

- What is their educational background or specialized training? (for example, ask for certificate(s))
- How much experience do they have in delivering this service?
- Are they registered with a regulatory body, or do they belong to a professional association? Contact regulatory bodies listed above as needed.
- If required, are they licenced to practice in the Yukon?
- What is their policy for notifying a next of kin in case of an emergency?
- Are they certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)?
- Do they have a business licence? Do they carry liability insurance?
- How will they ensure confidentiality? What is their policy on record keeping and destroying personal records?
- Can they provide at least 2 references?

Above all, remember:

*If you don't feel comfortable with the person, **TRUST** your instinct. It is probably best not to hire them.*

For more information, please contact the Continuing Care care coordinator, supervisor, or manager who is working with you