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PROCEDURE SUBJECT:
Community Bathing Program

PURPOSE:
Southern Health-Santé Sud recognizes there are people living within the community requiring assistance with bathing, whom the Home Care Program are unable to support safely in their home. With this in mind, Southern Health-Santé Sud will provide bathing services to clients with demonstrated need who can be accommodated by a facility in their area. This may not be available at all sites.

- PROCEDURE:**
- Application to the Community Bathing Program will be through the Home Care Program.
 - An assessment will be done by Home Care and included on the Community Bathing program application (CLI.6410.PR.003.FORM.01).
 - Once accepted into the Bathing Program, clients will be notified in writing of acceptance and a copy of the procedure will be included.
 - Fee for the Bathing Program will be determined by the facility based on the Long Term Care (LTC) Schedule of Charges, and dependent upon whether bathing assist is provided by Home Care) and discussed with participants at time of acceptance to the program. Payment will be accepted as per billing procedure of the facility. Participants will be notified of rate changes one month in advance. A receipt will be issued.
 - All clients will be assisted with bathing by a Health Care Aide/Home Care Attendant.
 - The facility will provide: towels, soap and a basic shampoo. Personal toiletries and clothing change will be the responsibility of the client to supply.
 - The client is responsible for transportation to and from the facility.

- Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date and time of the bath may need to be changed. Clients will be notified in advance of any changes.
- A client must give 24 hours cancellation notice, otherwise the regular bathing fee may be charged.
- Any problems with skin integrity will be reported to the client and/or referring source.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

[CLI.6410.PR.003.FORM.01](#) Community Bathing Program Application