



## NEWS RELEASE

### Legislation Standardizes Care Facility Admission Process for Incapable Adults

**VANCOUVER, NOVEMBER 4, 2019** – The care facility admission provisions in Part 3 of the *Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act* come into force today.

This new law protects the rights of adults to make an informed decision about moving into or deciding to leave a care facility, and to be presumed to be mentally capable of doing so.

The legislative provisions authorize the PGT to provide substitute consent or select a substitute decision maker for adults who are incapable of providing consent to care facility admission and who have no authorized legal representative to do so on their behalf.

For more information about this service, please visit the [Personal Decision Services](https://www.trustee.bc.ca/personal-decision-services) page on [www.trustee.bc.ca](https://www.trustee.bc.ca).

#### About the Public Guardian and Trustee

The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) is a corporation sole established under the *Public Guardian and Trustee Act* with a unique statutory role to protect the interests of British Columbians who lack legal capacity to protect their own interests. The mandate of the PGT is to:

- Protect the legal and financial interests of children under the age of 19 years;
- Protect the legal, financial, personal and health care interests of adults who require assistance in decision making; and
- Administer the estates of deceased and missing persons.

During 2017-2018, the PGT served approximately 26,000 clients and administered over one billion dollars of trust assets. For more information about the PGT, visit [www.trustee.bc.ca](https://www.trustee.bc.ca).

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