

# **System of Choice within Special Accommodation for the Elderly**

In Halmstad municipality, the Act on System of Choice in the Public Sector (LOV) applies within special accommodation for the elderly (persons over 65 years old), retirement homes with or without a dementia unit. This means that those of you who have received a decision from a social worker about placement in special accommodation for the elderly are entitled to choose the residence and wait until a place becomes available and can be offered the desired placement.

## **Limitations in the system of choice**

Exceptions apply for those staying in hospital/short-term accommodation who cannot return home and are waiting placement in the desired residence. You are then assigned a vacant place and will have the opportunity to change to the desired residence.

Persons under 65 years old applying for special accommodation for the elderly are exempted from the freedom of choice. The application is made to the social worker who investigates the need and makes a decision whether to approve or reject and any placement by the home care board.

## **Special accommodation for the elderly is approved by the municipality**

The municipality has established the requirements that providers of special accommodation must satisfy to be approved.

This ensures that the level of nursing maintains a good standard. The municipality regularly checks the provider's operations.

The social worker informs about the system of choice and which special accommodation can be chosen.

## **Special accommodation for the elderly in the municipality**

Those who require a high level of care and for one reason or another are unable to continue living at home can apply to move into special accommodation.

Special accommodation is granted by the social worker based on your individual needs. In special accommodation you can receive the help you require from care workers twenty-four hours a day, also employed here are nurses, physiotherapists and occupational therapists.

Those living in special accommodation have an apartment or a room that includes a nursing bed and which in general you furnish with your own furniture and use your own bed clothes. There are communal rooms for socialising and activities as well as meals. Each residence provides information about rent, television channels and the Internet. Please contact your insurance company for information about home insurance.

## **How to make your choice**

In connection with the special accommodation application you complete a supplement with your choice of accommodation and send this to social services.

Those who cannot or do not wish to choose special accommodation will be offered a place at a residence that, at the current time, has a vacancy (non-choice option/unspecified).

There is a possibility to change residence, you should then contact the residence coordinator or social worker.

## **Allocation of special accommodation**

It is the municipality's residence coordinator who offers available places.

Moving in and out must be carried out without delay. Staff from each residence will provide information about practical issues, questions about rent, etc. at the time of moving in.

## **Costs for special accommodation**

Those living in a retirement home pay rent for the apartment, information about rent can be provided by each home. In addition, care charges and food costs must be paid.

## **Contact details**

To contact the social worker or residence coordinator please contact Halmstad Direct on tel: 035-13 70 00. Contact details for different providers can be found on the presentations and on the web.

More information, application forms and presentations of the different homes can be found on Halmstad municipality's website, [www.halmstad.se](http://www.halmstad.se)