



## Admissions Criteria Reference Sheet

Emily's House (EH) & Emily's House At Home (EH@Home) offers children and their families, experiencing the challenges of living with life limiting illness, with supports and services through our End of Life Care (Hospice) and Respite programs.

Both EH and EH@Home have the same admission criteria for the following two programs:

### End-Of-Life Care:

- Any child requiring acute end-of-life care/palliative care who is followed by a Paediatric Palliative Care Team
- Should have a valid Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP)  
*(note: considerations are made for families in exceptional circumstances where OHIP is not secured at time of admission; to be assessed by intake coordinator and social worker)*
- 0-18 years of years  
*(note: considerations are made for young adult admissions, 19-25 years of age, in exceptional circumstances; to be assessed by intake coordinator and social worker)*
- A DNR does not need to be in place for EH@Home, but is required for an EOL admission to EH.

### Respite Services:

- 0-18 years of age
- Have a valid Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP)
- Have a life limiting illness and/or are followed by a Paediatric Advanced Care Team
- Lives within the Toronto Central catchment area (\*see catchment area considerations)
- Qualify for Enhanced Respite Services/Funding (the child's needs have been designated as medically fragile and/or technology dependent). For more information about this definition and detailed criteria, please review here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/family-support-and-respite-children-and-youth-special-needs#enhancedrespite>
  - I. Requires/received Nursing and/or PSW supports/hours in-home from HCCSS
  - II. Live at home
  - III. Be medically fragile and/or technology dependent, meeting one of the following criteria; relies on medical and technological equipment, administered drugs intravenously, relies on tracheotomy tube care, suctioning, oxygen support or tube feeding.

Currently, both EH and EH@Home are not able to admit or provide care for children who require *invasive ventilation supports*.

**Catchment Area Considerations:**

Emily's House may accept admissions for clients living anywhere in Ontario, in both programs.

EH@Home accepts admissions in the Toronto Central catchment area. When clients live outside of this catchment area the following will be considered while assessing if the program has capacity to support the child/family;

- Family requires End-Of-Life Care support for their child.
- Family currently has limited to no resources (high priority case).
- Family requires assistance securing resources in their area (delivering modified services).
- Staff and/or Volunteer(s) services are available to support family where they reside (dependant on availability of human resources).

**Family Support:**

Both programs; please note there are services, support and resources that may be offered to family members. Intake Coordinators and Service Providers for EH & EH@Home will assess and decide appropriateness to provide additional care, and if resources are available to do so.