

Settled Facts –

Social Services for Persons Living with Serious Illnesses



1. Already inadequate, unplanned, unreliable – and predicted to be worse as numbers rise
2. Already seriously underfinanced, both private and public – and predicted to worsen
3. Limited by an underpaid, under-skilled, workforce in all positions – predicted to worsen
4. Avoided and misunderstood by leaders and the public
5. Research shows quality and cost gains with myriad targeted interventions
6. Many examples of good comprehensive care at small scale, not sustained or spread

*So, the question is, what to do now and in the future
to ensure that life with serious illness and associated disabilities
can be as meaningful and comfortable as possible,
at a sustainable cost to all parties.*