

EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE CIRCULAR

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To: All licensed child care centres, nursery schools and family/group child care homes

Subject: New Regulated Parent Fees and Reduced Parent Fee Funding

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This circular is being sent to advise all licensed child care centres (including infant, preschool, nursery, and school age programs) and family/group child care homes about new regulated maximum daily parent fees that will come into effect on April 2, 2023.

Under the Canada-Manitoba Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, Manitoba committed to reaching an average of \$10 per day for parent fees by 2026 for children ages under seven.

The Manitoba government is pleased to announce that beginning April 2, 2023, regulated parent fees are being reduced to \$10 per day for regular full-time hours (4 to 10 hours) for infant, preschool, and nursery school spaces in non-profit child care centres and child care homes that receive operating grant funding.

Parent fees are also being reduced to \$10 a day for school age children attending for three periods per day (before school, lunch and after school) in funded facilities.

Licensed centres and child care homes that do not receive provincial operating grant funding are not required to follow the regulated maximum daily fees for non-subsidized families; however, they cannot charge subsidized families more than the maximum daily fees.

To offset the reduction in parent fees received directly from families and/or from the Child Care Subsidy Program, additional funding will be provided to child care facilities, equivalent to the difference between the previous and new fees, ensuring that facilities continue to receive the same revenue as prior to April 2, 2023.

Please review the following for more detailed information:

- *Frequently Asked Questions for Facilities – New Regulated Parent Fees and Reduced Parent Fee Funding*
- *Total Parent Fee Revenue Tables* includes the new parent fees (including the maximum subsidized daily fees and maximum non-subsidized daily additional fees per child) and the reduced parent fee revenue funding.

Information for Families

Further details will be provided to child care facilities in the coming weeks that they can share with their families. In the interim, facilities can refer their families to the website at www.manitoba.ca/10aday for more information.

Upcoming Webinars

To provide additional support in implementing the new regulated parent fees, the department will be scheduling webinars for centre directors/board members and child care home providers. An email invitation to register for these webinars will be sent separately.

Please visit www.manitoba.ca/education/childcare/actionplan.html to learn more about early learning and child care initiatives, and Manitoba's Action Plans under the agreements with Canada.

If you have any further questions regarding the information in this circular, and are unable to attend a webinar, please email Child Care Information Services at cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca with the subject line "Reduced Parent Fees" or call 204-945-0776 (toll free: 1-888-213-4754).

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to meeting the needs of Manitoba families and children, and the early learning and child care sector.

Early Learning and Child Care Division