

**EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE –  
New Regulated Parent Fees and Reduced Parent Fee Funding  
Frequently Asked Questions for Facilities  
Circular # ELCC-2023-03**

**1) Are all child care facilities required to reduce parent fees?**

Non-profit centres (including infant, preschool, nursery and school age programs) and child care homes (family/group) that receive provincial operating grant funding are required to comply with the regulated maximum parent fees.

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.

**2) How will facilities make up for the reduced revenue that would have been received directly from parents or from the subsidy program prior to April 2, 2023?**

Additional funding will be provided to child care facilities to offset the parent fee reductions, 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.

For information, see:

[Total Parent Fee Revenue Tables](#) - This 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.

**3) What do facilities need to do to receive the additional funding to offset the reduced parent fees?**

As is currently required, funded facilities must submit facility attendance reports within 30 days of the end of each 28-day subsidy reporting/billing period. Facility attendance reports must include the days attended and absent days for all children enrolled in the facility. This means non-subsidized children as well as subsidized children must be included in the reports.

As is currently required, unfunded facilities are required to submit facility attendance reports in order to receive subsidy payments for subsidized children enrolled in the facility. The report must include the days attended and absent days for each subsidized child and be submitted within 30 days of the end of each 28-day subsidy reporting/billing period.

**4) Do families need to apply to be eligible for the new fees?**

Beginning on April 2, 2023, Manitoba will reduce the regulated parent fees to \$10 per day for regular full-time hours (4 to 10 hours of care) for infant, preschool and nursery school spaces in non-profit centres and child care homes that receive operating grant funding. Families with children enrolled at licensed funded child care facilities are eligible for the new rates and do not need to apply for them.

**5) Will parent fees be reduced for school age children?**

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.

**6) Are all parent fees being reduced to \$10 per day?**

No. In some cases, the fees will be lower or higher than \$10 per day depending upon the type of care. For example, part-time infant/preschool care for less than four hours per day, including morning or afternoon nursery school sessions will be less than \$10 per day. In cases where extended child care over 10 hours is required by families, fees may be higher than \$10 per day.

School age fees for in-service days and school holidays will remain the same at \$20.80 per day or \$18.20 per day depending on the type of facility.

**7) Do the new parent fees still include a non-subsidized daily additional fee per child?**

Yes. The maximum non-subsidized daily additional fees per child will not change. For example, for an infant or preschool child attending between 4 and 10 hours per day, the maximum subsidized daily fee is \$8.00 and the maximum non-subsidized daily additional fee is \$2.00 for a parent fee of \$10.00 per day.

For more information, see [Total Parent Fee Revenue Tables](#).

As is current practice, it continues to be a facility decision whether or not the facility charges the non-subsidized daily additional fee.

**8) How will families know what their new child care fees are?**

Facilities are encouraged to communicate with their families about the new parent fees. More information will be provided to facilities in the coming weeks to support communications with their families. Child care facilities can also refer families to the website at [www.manitoba.ca/10aday](http://www.manitoba.ca/10aday) for more information.

**9) How will the new parent fees affect families who receive child care subsidy?**

The Child Care Subsidy Program will continue to provide financial support for eligible families to ensure that cost is not a barrier to quality early learning child care and programming.

Manitoba families currently receiving child care subsidy will be reassessed. No families receiving child care subsidy will have their child care costs increased as a result of this change. Some families may no longer require child care subsidy if under the new parent fee rates they will be paying less than they were paying with previously subsidized fees.

**10) Will families need to reapply for child care subsidy after April 2, 2023?**

No. Current subsidy approvals will be automatically reassessed at the new parent fee rates. Families will receive an Approval for Child Care Subsidy Letter through Child Care Online indicating the amount of their family contribution.

**11) How will facilities know what to charge subsidized families beginning April 2, 2023?**

Facilities will receive a system generated mass re-assessment email through Child Care Online. The email will contain information indicating the amount of the family contribution for all children enrolled in their facility with currently approved subsidy applications.

If your facility is not currently a Child Care Online user, please visit [https://www.gov.mb.ca/education/childcare/centres\\_homeproviders/cco\\_login.html](https://www.gov.mb.ca/education/childcare/centres_homeproviders/cco_login.html) to register for a user name and password.

**12) How will the new fee structure affect age exemption requests for kindergarten children to be considered school age?**

The department understands that age exemptions for kindergarten children to be considered school age can work well for both families and facilities.

The department is reviewing options that will continue to work well for families and facilities within the new fee structure, effective April 2, 2023.

**13) How can facilities prepare for these new parent fees?**

Facilities can begin the administrative work for implementing and charging the new parent fees that will be effective April 2, 2023. For example, facility policy manuals and administrative/bookkeeping tools should be reviewed and updated as needed.

Families should be invoiced for the amount of fees that are due to the facility, according to each facility's regular invoicing and payment schedule.

#### **14) Who can I contact for more information?**

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](http://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](mailto:cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca) with the subject line "Reduced Parent Fees" or call 204-945-0776 (toll free: 1-888-213-4754).