

# **\$10-a-Day Parent Fees: Extension to Non-School Days**

## **Information Session for Facilities**

**Early Learning and Child Care Division  
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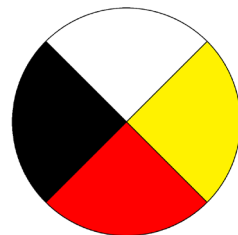


# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We recognize that Manitoba is on Treaty 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 Territories and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Anishinewuk, Dakota Oyate, Denesuline, Ininiwak and Nehethowuk Peoples.

We acknowledge Manitoba is located on the Homeland of the Red River Métis. We acknowledge northern Manitoba includes lands that were and are the ancestral lands of the Inuit.

We respect the spirit and intent of Treaties and Treaty Making and remain committed to working in partnership with First Nations, Inuit and Métis people in the spirit of truth, reconciliation and collaboration



# Agenda

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- Transition Grant
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- Child Care Subsidy
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# \$10-a-Day: Overview

## **Affordability Priority / Government Commitment**

- Manitoba committed to reducing parent fees to an average of \$10 per day by March 31, 2026 for children under seven under Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement. This was achieved in 2023.
- In Budget 2024, Manitoba committed to investing in the extension of \$10 per day parent fees to non-school days.
- Extending \$10 per day parent fees to include in-service days and school breaks makes child care more affordable and accessible for Manitoba families.

# \$10-a-Day: Extension to Non-School Days

## **Implementation Effective December 8, 2024:**

- In anticipation of the budget passing by November 7, 2024, the maximum daily fees on non-school days (in-service days and school breaks) for school age children effective December 8, 2024 will be:
  - \$10 a day (4 to 10 hours of care)
  - \$5 per day (less than 4 hours)
  - \$15 per day (more than 10 hours)

# \$10-a-Day: Extension to Non-School Days

## **Funded facilities:**

- All funded facilities are required to charge no more than the reduced parent fees (\$10/day) on in-service days and school breaks beginning on December 8, 2024.

## **Unfunded facilities:**

- Centres and child care homes that do not receive operating grant funding are not required to follow the regulated maximum daily fees for non-subsidized families. However, unfunded facilities cannot charge subsidized families more than the reduced parent fees on in-service days and school breaks beginning on December 8, 2024.

# Reduced Parent Fee Revenue Grant & Additional Subsidy

- Additional funding will be provided 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 December 8, 2024.
- Manitoba will offset the difference in fees on non-school days by extending the:
  - Revenue Grant for school age children enrolled in **funded** facilities.
  - Additional subsidy on behalf of eligible children enrolled in **unfunded** facilities.

# Total Parent Fee Revenue Table for School Age Children Effective December 8, 2024

Funded Centres and Funded <u>Enhanced</u> Child Care Homes						
School Age	Type of Care	Maximum Subsidized Daily Fees Per Child	Maximum Non-Subsidized Daily Additional Fee Per Child	Maximum Daily Fee Charged to Parents	Reduced Parent Fee Revenue Grant per Enrolled Child	Total Parent Fee Revenue per Child
School Days	1 period of attendance	\$ 5.15	\$ 1.00	\$ 6.15	—	\$ 6.15
	2 periods of attendance	\$ 6.80	\$ 1.80	\$ 8.60	—	\$ 8.60
	3 periods of attendance	\$ 8.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.30	\$ 10.30
In-service Days and School Breaks (non-school days)	Less than 4 hours per day	\$ 4.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.40	\$ 10.40
	4 hours to 10 hours per day	\$ 8.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.80	\$ 20.80
	More than 10 hours per day	\$ 12.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 16.20	\$ 31.20



# Total Parent Fee Revenue Table for School Age Children Effective December 8, 2024

For Funded <u>Non-Enhanced</u> Child Care Homes						
School Age	Type of Care	Maximum Subsidized Daily Fees Per Child	Maximum Non-Subsidized Daily Additional Fee Per Child	Maximum Daily Fee Charged to Parents	Reduced Parent Fee Revenue Grant per Enrolled Child	Total Parent Fee Revenue per Child
School Days	1 period of attendance	\$ 5.15	\$ 1.00	\$ 6.15	—	\$ 6.15
	2 periods of attendance	\$ 6.80	\$ 1.80	\$ 8.60	—	\$ 8.60
	3 periods of attendance	\$ 8.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 10.00	0.30	\$ 10.30
In-service Days and School Breaks (non-school days)	Less than 4 hours per day	\$ 4.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.10	\$ 9.10
	4 hours to 10 hours per day	\$ 8.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 8.20	\$ 18.20
	More than 10 hours per day	\$ 12.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 12.30	\$ 27.30

# Additional Subsidy for Eligible Children

## Enrolled in Unfunded Facilities

**How much is the additional subsidy that unfunded facilities can receive on behalf of a subsidized family?**

- The additional subsidy is equivalent to the Revenue Grant amount per child for the type of care and the type of facility received by funded facilities.

**How is the additional subsidy paid?**

- It is paid through the regular subsidy reporting and payment process.
- It is included in the Provincial Contribution amount for a subsidized child on the Facility Payment Summary.

# Additional Subsidy for Eligible Children Enrolled in Unfunded Facilities

Type of Care	Effective Date	Maximum Fees		Additional Subsidy	
		Subsidized Daily Fee	Non-Subsidized Daily Fee	Centre (or home where provider is an ECE II or III)	Home where provider is <u>not</u> an ECE II or III
<b>Infant 4 to 10 hours</b>	April 2, 2023	\$ 8.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 12.20
<b>Preschool 4 to 10 hours</b>	April 2, 2023	\$ 8.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 10.80	\$ 8.20
<b>School Age 3 periods</b>	April 2, 2023	\$ 8.00	\$ 2.00	\$ .30	\$ .30
<b>School Age 4 to 10 hours</b>	<b>December 8, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 8.00</b>	<b>\$ 2.00</b>	<b>\$ 10.80</b>	<b>\$ 8.20</b>

# \$10-a-Day: Transition Grant

- To support the transition to the automated Revenue Grant payment system through Child Care Online (CCO) a one-time Transition Grant is provided to eligible facilities.
- The one-time Transition Grant will also be provided to support the extension of \$10-a-day parent fees for non-school days.
- The purpose of the one-time Transition Grant is to help bridge funded facilities to the next Revenue Grant payment after Facility Reports have been processed and paid through CCO on or after January 5, 2025.
- Eligible facilities will receive the Transition Grant before December 8, 2024.

# \$10-a-Day: Transition Grant

## **Transition Grant Eligibility:**

- Centres and family/group child care homes that are eligible for the Revenue Grant and are licensed for school age spaces will receive the Transition Grant.
- The Transition Grant will also be provided in the future when new spaces open, whether as part of a new facility or as expansion spaces.

# \$10-a-Day: Transition Grant

## How is the Transition Grant payment calculated?

- There is an average of six non-school days per reporting period over a calendar year.
- The Transition Grant will be calculated based on the facility type and six days non-school days for two reporting periods for the number of licensed school age spaces in an eligible, funded facility.

<b>Funded Centre - Licensed for 30 school age spaces</b>				
<b>Number of Spaces</b>	<b>Reduced Parent Fee Revenue Grant Daily Amount (non-school day)</b>	<b>Days per Reporting Period</b>	<b>2 Reporting Periods</b>	<b>Total</b>
30 School Age	\$10.80	6	2	\$3,888
<b>Transition Grant payment</b>				<b>\$3,888</b>

# Child Care Online Updates

- Before December 8, 2024, a mass subsidy re-assessment will be completed in Child Care Online.
- Beginning on January 5, 2025, Child Care Online facility reporting and payment process will be updated to include school age children enrolled on non-school days in the calculations and payment of:
  - The Reduced Parent Fee Revenue Grant for subsidized and non-subsidized children enrolled in **funded** facilities.
  - The additional subsidy on behalf of subsidized children enrolled in **unfunded** facilities.

# \$10-a-Day: Child Care Subsidy

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

- Manitoba families receiving child care subsidy will be reassessed using the new rates for school age children on non-school days before the implementation of the new rates on December 8, 2024.
- 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-a-Day: Child Care Subsidy

## **How will families know what their reassessed contribution will be?**

- Families will receive an Approval for Child Care Subsidy Letter indicating the amount of their re-assessed family contribution. As long as the family is still eligible for subsidy, their current subsidy approval period will not change.
- Families that will be paying less under the reduced fees than they were paying with previously subsidized fees will receive a Reassessment of Child Care Subsidy letter indicating that the family is no longer eligible for the Child Care Subsidy Program beginning on December 8, 2024.

# \$10-a-Day: Child Care Subsidy

## How will facilities know what to charge subsidized families beginning on December 8, 2024?

- Facilities will be sent a CCO generated ***Reassessment of Child Care Subsidies*** email for children with currently approved subsidy applications, which will indicate:
  - For eligible families: the amount of the family contribution for a period of time beginning on December 8, 2024
  - For families that are no longer eligible: a Family Contribution for period of time ending on December 7, 2024 and under a period of time beginning on December 8, 2024, it will state *Family Not Eligible for Subsidy*

# \$10-a-Day: Child Care Subsidy

## **Will there continue to be a portion of the parent fee that is non-subsidized?**

- Yes. The minimum payable after subsidy fees per child will not change.
- For example, for a school age child attending between 4 and 10 hours per day, the maximum subsidized daily fee will be \$8.00 and the maximum non-subsidized daily additional fee will continue to be \$2.00 for a total parent fee of \$10.00 per day.
- For more information, see the updated Total Parent Fee Revenue Tables for Facilities – Effective December 8, 2024.

# \$10-a-Day: Common Questions

## **Are school age fees on regular school days changing?**

- No. There are no changes to parent fees on regular school days. The parent fees for school age children enrolled for three periods per day (before school, lunch and after school) continues to be \$10 per day.

## **Does a “non-school day” include summer break?**

- Yes. “Non-school days” includes summer break, winter break, and spring break, as well as in-service days during the school year.

## **When do facilities start charging the new rates on non-school days?**

- Facilities start charging the new rates at the beginning of the reporting period that starts on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

# \$10-a-Day: Common Questions

## **Do the new \$10 rates apply to children that only attend on in-services and school breaks?**

- Yes. Regulated maximum daily fees apply to all school age children attending funded facilities during in-services and school breaks, whether they also attend on school days or not.

## **Do the new rates apply on recognized holidays and approved alternate closure days?**

- Yes. The new rates apply any time parents are charged fees. It is a facility policy decision if the day is considered to be a full day (4 – 10 hours) or period care (1, 2 or 3 periods of care).

# \$10-a-Day: Common Questions

## **Do the new rates apply for casual child care for school age children?**

- Yes. The Child Care Regulation outlines that a facility providing child care on a casual basis cannot charge a fee that exceeds the applicable maximum daily fee:
  - To subsidized or non-subsidized families if the facility is **funded**.
  - To subsidized families if the facility is **unfunded**.

# \$10-a-Day: Common Questions

## **When does a preschool child become a school age child?**

- The Child Care Regulation defines a school age child as a child enrolled in Grade 1 to 6 in a school. Once a child completes kindergarten, they can be considered enrolled in Grade 1.
- It remains a facility policy decision as to the exact date a kindergarten child becomes a school age child and moves into a school age space.
  - For example, a facility may move all kindergarten children into school age spaces on July 1 or September 1, or children may be moved individually as school age spaces become available at other points in the summer.

# \$10-a-Day: Common Questions

## **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 can work well for both families and facilities, providing flexibility to meet the needs of children and programs. When proposed by both the facility and the family, the department will continue to consider age exemption requests for approval.

## **How are the fees applied to a kindergarten child with an approved exemption to be considered a school age child?**

- When kindergarten children have an approved exemption, all applicable regulations, including school age fees apply.



# \$10-a-Day: Common Questions

## **Will funded facilities still receive Revenue Grant when children are absent?**

- If you charge fees to the parents, the province will pay the Revenue Grant. This applies when children are absent due to illness, on holiday, or for any other reason which you would still charge parents based on your facility's normal fee structure.
- That is why it is important to include days attended and absent days for **all children** – subsidized and non-subsidized – on Facility Reports.

# \$10-a-Day: Common Questions

## **Will unfunded facilities receive the additional subsidy on behalf of a subsidized family when children are absent?**

- Yes. However, the regular and additional subsidy is not paid if a family has exceeded their allowable absent days.
- Please see [ELCC-2024-02 - Circular - Child Care Subsidy Program Allowable Absent Days Policy](#) on our website for more information about the reinstatement of the Child Care Subsidy Program – Allowable Absent Days Policy on March 31, 2024.

# \$10-a-Day: Common Questions

## **When will facilities receive the Transition Grant payment?**

- Eligible, funded facilities will receive the grant before December 8, 2024.
- Facilities with direct deposit receive payments earlier than those waiting for a cheque.

# \$10-a-Day: Common Questions

## **What do facilities need to do to receive the Reduced Parent Fee Revenue Grant?**

- There will be no additional reporting requirements for funded facilities to receive the Revenue Grant for school age children enrolled in your facility.
- The automated monthly payment process through Child Care Online will be updated to include Revenue Grant payments for non-school days for school age children enrolled in the facility and included on the Facility Report.
- In order to receive the Revenue Grant in a timely manner, it is important to submit a Facility Report after the end of a reporting period.

# \$10-a-Day: Common Questions

## **How will Revenue Grant payments be determined beginning on January 5, 2025?**

- Revenue Grant payments for non-school days will be based on enrollment in an eligible, funded facility.
- Payment will be provided for spaces that are in use by children enrolled (includes days attended and days absent), some of which may be in use by two children at separate times during the same day.
- Revenue Grant payments will be outlined in the Facility Payment Summary report.

# \$10-a-Day: Common Questions

**How do I report a child who is enrolled for 4 to 10 hours on non-school days but attended less than 4 hours on some non-school days during a reporting period?**

- Facilities should report based on children's enrolment. In this example, enter days attended/days absent as 4 to 10 hours for non-school days for this child on the Facility Report.

# \$10-a-Day: Common Questions

## How do I report a kindergarten child on a Facility Report?

- A child in kindergarten is a preschool child - unless there is an approved age exemption in place.
  - If the child has an **approved exemption** to be considered a school age child, the child is reported as a **school age child** on a Facility Report.
  - If the child does **not** have an approved exemption to be considered a school age child, the child is reported as a **preschool child** on a Facility Report.

# \$10-a-Day: Common Questions

## **When must Facility Reports be submitted?**

- Facilities are required to submit a completed Facility Report through Child Care Online within 30 days of the end of each 28-day reporting period. For example, the Facility Report for December 8, 2024 to January 4, 2025 reporting period must be submitted no later than February 3, 2025.

## **Why is it important to review the Facility Payment Summary that outlines the details of a subsidy and Revenue Grant payment?**

- Any discrepancies (errors, omissions, etc.) must be reported to the Child Care Subsidy Program to ensure that any necessary payment adjustments can be processed and issued.



# Contacts and Resources

Visit [https://gov.mb.ca/education/childcare/childcare\\_news/current\\_circulars.html](https://gov.mb.ca/education/childcare/childcare_news/current_circulars.html) to review:

- Related Circulars and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).
- Updated [Total Parent Fee Revenue Tables for Facilities – Effective December 8, 2024](#)
- Related webinar presentations and transcripts.

Visit [Province of Manitoba | education - \\$10 a Day Child Care](#):

- For updated information and FAQs for Families.

**Who do I contact if I have additional questions after reviewing the information listed above?**

- Email [cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca](mailto:cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca) with the subject line “Extension of \$10-a-Day” or call 204-945-0776 (toll free: 1-888-213-4754).

# Contacts and Resources

## For more information about the Child Care Subsidy Program and how to submit a Facility (Child Attendance) Report through Child Care Online:

- Review the Facility Orientation: Child Care Subsidy Program and Facility Reporting webinar presentation from April 24, 2024 on our Circulars and Webinars page.
- Watch your email for an invitation to register for an upcoming Facility Orientation: Child Care Subsidy and Facility Reporting in December 2024.

## Email [ELCCFinance@gov.mb.ca](mailto:ELCCFinance@gov.mb.ca):

- To set up direct deposit for payments from Education and Early Childhood Learning.
- With the subject line “Transition Grant Payment,” if you have questions about the Transition Grant calculation for your facility after reviewing your Transition Grant payment and financial statement.

# Questions

