

ELCC \$10 Per Day Child Care Webinar (Homes)

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Carmen Zubin

Good evening, everyone. My name is Carmen Zubin and I'm an acting policy analyst with the Early Learning and Child Care Division.

Thank you for joining us for this evening's webinar for home-based providers on the New Regulated Parent Fees and Reduced Parent Fee Funding. This was supported under the Canada-Manitoba, Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.

This evening's Webinar Will be presented by Sara Whiteford, Assistant Deputy Minister, Jennifer Faulder, Executive Director of Policy and Planning Branch and Tanya Jakob, Business Lead Continuous Improvement and Engagement.

After the Webinar we will have a time for questions, and you'll see at the bottom of your screen there is a chat speech, bubble, and this is where you can submit your questions. We will try to answer as many questions as we can. There are ELCC Staff on site to document all questions submitted in the event that we do not have time to answer them all. If you have questions specific to your home, you can send those questions to childcare information services.

A full copy of the presentation will be available on our website, and you will receive an email informing you when it has been posted online. And with that we'll turn it over. We'll get started.

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Sarah Whiteford

So welcome. My name is Sarah Whiteford. I am the Assistant Deputy Minister for Early Learning and Child Care. I really just want to thank you all for attending this evening. I know it's likely been a really long day already for you, and so just wanting to acknowledge that we recognize the taking additional time out of your day. We really hope that it addresses a lot of the questions that you have.

And please do feel free to put questions in the chat as we go through.

Just want to open up this evening with our treaty land acknowledgment that we have for our department.

We recognize that Manitoba is on Treaties 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.

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Sarah Whiteford

This evening we are going to be going through the new regulated fees, and also talking in more detail about the program, as it relates to the Reduced Parent Fee Revenue Grant.

We will be talking about the next steps, and providing a little more detail about the process that is going to be undertaken and working with you to transition from the existing fees over into the new fee structure.

New regulated fees: as you likely know, Manitoba signed an agreement with Canada and part of that agreement included a commitment to reduce parent fees to an average of \$10 per day by March, 2026 for children, under the age of 7.

Last year, or sorry, I should say in this past year we increase the income thresholds for subsidy to expand subsidy and eligibility, and also issued a subsidy advance. So for the upcoming year, Starting in April, the approach will sort of build from that initial approach, and involve the reduction of our regulated parent fees, and then to address the difference of the revenue that you collect from parents. A new grant is going to be issued that that offsets the difference between the old fee and the new fees.

So what does \$10 a day child care mean? Beginning on April 2, the regulated parent fees are being reduced to \$10 per day per child for a regular full-time hour of hours of care. So 4 to 10 hours for those children that are enrolled in infant nursery school and preschool spaces, and license centers, non-profit centers and child care homes that receive all breeding grant funding for school-age children attending funded facilities for 3 periods per day, so that before school, lunch and after school, parent fees are also being reduced to \$10 per day.

This slide provides some examples of fees that would be lower or higher than \$10 per day, which does vary, depending on the type of care, the duration of care in a day. So this is an example slide, and we'll walk through it. But I just want to let you know that further on in the presentation deck we're going to have more detail about the range of different daily fees that will exist under the new reduced fees. So this is this is just to provide an example, but we will get into more detail later on.

What you can see here are some examples of these that are going to be less than \$10 per day. So if a child, an infant or preschool child, is attending part time, so 0 to 4 hour, the new maximum will actually be \$5 per day. If an infant or preschool child is attending more than 10 h per day, then the maximum will be \$15 per day. The school age fees for in-service days and school holidays will remain the same at \$18.20 per day, or \$20.80 per day for home-based providers who are early childhood educators.

So who charges the new regulated fees? This will be the same as what currently exists, in that if you are a funded home you can charge only to the maximum regulated fees. What is happening is we're reducing what those maximum fees will be starting on April 2.

Those fees will apply to all families regardless of income, and there is no application that is required for those lower regulated for unfunded homes.

Licensed child care homes that do not receive funding are able to charge beyond the regulated maximum fees for non-subsidized families. However, If you have subsidized families in your unfunded home, then you can only charge to the maximum daily fee.

The existing Child Care Subsidy program is going to continue, and it will continue to provide financial support for eligible families, ensuring that the cost of child care is not a barrier.

So Manitoba families that are currently receiving child care, subsidy are going to be reassessed, based on the new maximum fees. No families receiving childcare subsidy will have their costs increased as a result of this change. However, some families may no longer require childcare subsidy. If under the new parent fee rates they're going to pay less than they're currently paying with the previous subsidized in order to support that transition to the new fees. There is a mass reassessment happening right now for all subsidy families and they're going to be reassessed at the new rates.

Families will receive either an approval for child care, subsidy letter, indicating the amount of their family contribution or they are going to receive a letter indicating that they no longer require subsidy for all the

children enrolled in your home with currently approved subsidy applications. Your home is going to receive an email that indicates the amount of the family contribution for each eligible family.

And that email will also indicate families that no longer require subsidy, now that the lower fees are going to be in place.

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Jennifer Faulder

Okay. And now it's Jen here. We have a few slides about funding and implementation. So regarding facility reports. So, as is currently the case, facility reports are required to be submitted within 30 days of the end of each 28 day subsidy reporting or billing period for funded homes. It's important to report the days attended and absent for all children enrolled, including both subsidized and non-subsidized children in the report. We are emphasizing this here because we will be basing in future the additional funding on the enrollment of children in the home. So that's why we're reviewing while this is already required. We're just really emphasizing the importance of submitting these reports in a timely way, and ensuring that you include attended days absent days for both subsidized and non-subsidized children.

If you're an unfunded home, then the report is only required for subsidized children that are attending your home. Absent days on facility reports are days that a child should have been present in the facility, but was absent. So if you have a child who is regularly attending, but is a way for because they're sick, or their family is on vacation, or another reason, then they should be marked as absent on the facility report.

We have received some questions about whether or not the reduced parent fee, revenue funding will be provided if a child is absent, and the answer is, yes, the intention, or the principle behind this this additional Reduced Parent Fee Revenue funding is that if you are charging fees to the parents, we will pay the Reduced Parent Fee Revenue funding. This is because we do not want the reduced parent fees to in any way reduce the total income that child care facilities are receiving.

So again, if a child is absent due to illness or vacation, or any other reason for which you would still charge parent fees, then it's important to mark them as absent, and the funding will be provided.

And that's why it's important to make sure you're reporting that on the facility reports if you are not currently submitting your reports online, we can support you with that. So if you're not a Child Care Online user right now, we encourage you to contact your childcare coordinator who can help you to get set up with that.

So how will it work for funded homes? The Reduced Parent Fee Revenue Grant will be provided, giving the equivalent to the difference between the previous and new fees to ensure that you continue to receive the same revenue as prior to April second.

It will be provided separately from the operating grant and subsidy payments, and it will be issued in the same manner as you are receiving your other payments.

If you are not currently getting payments by direct deposit you can be set up to receive your payments by direct deposit, and we would encourage you to contact the CDCInfo@gov.mb.ca and we'll connect you with the finance department to set up the direct deposit for unfunded homes.

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Jennifer Faulder

Additional funding equivalent to the difference between the previous and new maximum fees will be provided through the subsidy reporting payment process on behalf of subsidized children that are enrolled. So this slide just shows again that this reduced parent fee revenue funding is going to be

provided to you, and it's calculated based on the old maximum fee, which is what you would be charging parents today, minus the new maximum fee, which is in many cases \$10 a day. We'll go through the details again in some upcoming slides.

That's what will equal this new funding that we will provide that we're calling the Reduced Parent Fee Revenue funding. If you have a situation where you are choosing to charge less than the maximum daily fees, that does not impact the amount of the grant or funding, because, again, that the funding is based on what the old maximum fee was minus the new maximum fee.

There are two total parent fee revenue tables for funded family or group child care homes. And this is because currently, we have different parent fees for different types of homes. So there's fees for license holders who are not classified as an ECE II or ECE III. Then we have a different fees, or and in future different funding, where the license holder is classified as an ECE II or ECE III. While right now the parent fees are different, for these different types of homes, starting April 2, the parent fees will be the same for either type of home. However, the reduced parent fee revenue, grant will be higher for homes where the license holder is classified as an ECE II or III.

So now we're going to get into some tables, and that really go through the details of the new fees and the revenue, the new reduced parent fee, revenue funding that will be provided.

There is a lot of information on this table, and it might be hard to read, because it's a lot to fit on one slide. So we do have this broken down in future slides, so that it's a bit easier to read.

This table is available on our website, and was distributed with the circular that went out shortly after the new fees were announced. We will be circulating this presentation again. You can find this on the website as well, so you can refer back to it.

Just a few things to that I want to point out on this slide. There still are maximum subsidized daily fees and maximum non-subsidized daily fees per child. So there are no changes to the maximum non-subsidized daily additional fee per child.

We'll go into maybe the examples when we get on to the other slide. This table also, I should point out, is specific to homes where the license holder is not classified as an ECE II or III. The column on the very right: The total parent fee revenue per child has the same values as is currently the case for the total parent fees for each of those space types.

And I think this will be easier to discuss when we have the fewer numbers on the slide. So this table is the same as the previous one, but is has different numbers in the right hand column for the total parent fee revenue per child. And this is because this one is for license holders who, where the license holder is classified as an ECE II or ECE III.

This will get a bit easier to discuss in more detail.

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Jennifer Faulder

So again, this one is looking at where a license holder is not classified as an ECE II or ECE III.

You'll see that we have the maximum subsidized daily fees per child for each type of care for an infant plus the maximum non-subsidized daily additional fee per child that apart has not changed, and then the maximum daily fee that can be charged to parents. So that's where you'll see that for an infant who is attending 4 to 10 hours per day, the maximum fee that can be charged to parents is \$10.

Then we will provide the reduced parent fee revenue, grant per child valuing \$12.20. That total parent, revenue will be \$22.20, and that is equal to the current amount that you can charge to parents per day

per child. So that's how we're getting to the total amount. You can charge the parent \$10. We will provide you \$12.20 cents per day per child, giving you the same total revenue per child.

And as you can see here, if it's less than 4 hours per day, it would be \$5 charged to the parents if it's more than \$10 per day. The maximum is \$15 per child per day.

This table is very similar, but with the changes to reflect homes where the license holder is classified as an ECE II or ECE III. So again, we have the maximum subsidized daily fees per child plus the maximum non-subsidized daily additional fee per child, which has not changed, and again, providing that \$10 is of the maximum daily fee that can be charged to parents for an infant attending 4 to 10 hours per day, and in this case the Reduced Parent Fee Revenue Grant per child that we will provide to you is \$20 per day, so that you would be receiving a total of \$30 per child per day between the combination of what you're charging the parents and what we are providing you as the Reduced Parent Fee Revenue Grant.

Now looking at preschool age. So this would include Nursery School and Kindergarten children. This one is for homes where the license holder is not classified as an ECE II or ECE III. Again, we have all the same columns, so the maximum daily fee, the maximum non-subsidized daily fee again totaling \$10. If you have a preschool child attending 4 to 10 hours per day, the maximum fee that can be charged to parents is \$10. In this case, our grant will be \$8.20 that we will provide to you for each child per day that is, preschool age, attending 4 to 10 hours per day. Meaning for each child, you will get a total of \$18.20, which is the same as what you would currently have as the maximum fee that you can charge to parents. And again, there is a lesser, for if it's less than 4 hours per day the maximum fee would be \$5.

That would apply to a nursery school program, and in those situations we would provide \$4.10 cents per child per day to provide a total revenue per child of \$9.10.

And so, similarly, this again, is the same table, but updated for homes where the license holder is classified as an ECE II or ECE III. The total fee charge to parents is the same. The maximum that can be charged is \$10 if the care is 4 to 10 hours per day.

In this case our reduced parent fee Revenue Grant will equal \$10.80 per child per day, so that you are continuing to receive the same revenue that you would currently be receiving through parent fees of \$20.80 per child per day for school age for a home where the license holder is not classified as an ECE II or ECE III. The only change that is being made is for the parent fees, as it relates to providing care for 3 periods per day.

So for children who are attending before school, at lunch, and after school, the new maximum daily fee that can be charged to parents is \$10. This is a reduction of 30 cents to the maximum fee for this type of care.

Therefore, the Reduced Parent Fee Revenue Grant, per child that we will provide is 30 cents per child per day, so that the total amount that you will receive per child will continue to be \$10.30 as you would today.

This table is again the same, but for license holders classified as an ECE II or III and the 3 periods per day actually doesn't change. It's the same. In this case however, some of the other rates are different. In this case the fees charge to parents could be different for those other types of care. But for 3 periods per day it would be a maximum. The charge to parents of \$10 per day.

Again, I'm just going to note that this will be distributed to you, and this is available on the website. So if you want to go back and look at that again in more detail that there's lots of different ways to do that in terms of a transition period we recognize that facilities and homes typically receive fee payments from families at the beginning of a billing period.

Therefore, the initial payment of the Reduced Parent Fee Revenue Grant for funded facilities will be issued at the beginning of the upcoming reporting period during the week of April second. For this transition period the initial payment will be based on full utilization of a facilities, child care spaces.

So the payment calculations will be based on an assumption that all of your spaces are currently being used and that infant and preschool spaces are being used for 4 to 10 hours of care and that school age spaces are being based on 3 periods of care where that's offered and we will compare the full utilization calculations with previous attendance reports in case there are situations where you should actually be getting even additional funding for providing extended hour care, or more than 10 hours of care.

We're doing this because we know that this is a new way for facilities and for homes to be receiving their pay and their funding. And we understand that this may be your main household income.

It's important to us to make sure that you're covered. We want to make sure that you have the same amount of money coming in that we know you depend on to pay your bills. I'm just going to reiterate that if you want direct deposit set up, if you're not already set up for direct deposit, that is an option.

You can contact the CDCInfo@gov.mb.ca and request that we help you to get set up with that, and we will.

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Jennifer Faulder

That transition period will cover 3 reporting periods and following that, so, starting in in late June or July, we will be basing the reduced parent fee revenue funding on enrollment data provided by facilities.

We will have more detail to come on what that process will look like, but we are wanting to build a process that minimizes any additional workload for you, that takes advantage of the tools and processes that you're already using, and that we're already using, and that considers the cash flow timing and the impact of that cash flow timing for you. So we will have more detail to come.

But the transition period will cover the next 3 reporting periods, so that we have some time to make sure we can establish a good process moving forward. This slide just provides a bit of an overview of some key dates and activities.

Next week, the week of March 27 to 31 is when the subsidy mass reassessment will be finalized, and the letters will be issued to families that are on subsidy as well as to any home providers that have families who are on subsidy. So you will get that information next week.

April 1 is the first day you can start submitting operating grant applications for 2023/24

April 2 is the date that these new parent fee rates are effective, and April 3 to 6 is when you will receive the initial reduced parent fee Revenue Grant, and we will be prioritizing homes to get that payment first.

April 3 to May 1, the facility attendance reports should be submitted for the period of March 5 to April 1, and the current maximum fee rates that are in place today prior to April 2, will apply for that March 5 to April 1 period. Reports are processed and subsidy payments are issued as the reports are received as is current practice, reports for homes are prioritized for processing.

I'll just note that if you are not currently submitting your reports online, we can provide assistance and encourage you to connect with your childcare coordinator to get set up to submit your reports online.

So how can you start to prepare for these new fees? You can begin the work of implementing and charging new parent fees that will be effective April 2 for example, updating your policy manuals and any bookkeeping tools you might have to ensure that the new fees are reflected and families should be invoiced for the amount of fees that are due to the facility, according to your regular invoicing and payment schedule.

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Tanya Jakob

Hi! There it's Tanya. I'm going to finish with a few of the frequently asked questions that have come in before we open up the floor to additional questions coming through the chat.

So one when does a preschool child become a school-age child. School-age child is defined as a child enrolled in grade 1 to 6 in a school. So once a child completes kindergarten, they can be considered enrolled in grade 1. This point, it remains a facility decision as to when a kindergarten child transitions into a school age space. So, for example, July 1, September 1, or at another point during the summer.

Another question that has come in quite frequently: How will the new fee structure affect currently approved age? Exemptions for kindergarten children to be considered school age when facilities and parents jointly request an age exception to consider a kindergarten child as a school-aged child and the exemption is approved. All applicable regulations, including school age, fees, and regulations will apply.

Right now we're continuing to explore options for families and facilities within the regulatory framework for licensing and the new fee structure that's going to be effective April 2.

So for more information, we have our new regulated parent fees and reduced parent fee, revenue, funding, and information that we sent to all of the facilities in the form of a circular, frequently asked questions for our facilities.

As well as the total parent fee revenue table that you had seen earlier in the presentation available on our website. So if you did not receive it through your email, you can always go back to our website for any of those operational directives and that's available here on the screen.

As for general inquiries that families might be asking about. You can go to the public facing FAQ. That is there for our families at Manitoba.ca/10aday

Any additional inquiries can be directed to CDCInfo@gov.mb.ca and just include the subject line "10 a day." Or, you can also contact child care information services at the number located on the screen.

With this information. I would just also like to remind all Homes that the information provided for your contact information on childcare online or within Manitoba childcare search is up to date, particularly your email, so that when we continue to send out information about our initiatives and our updates that we have your correct information on file using those platforms.

At this point in time, I think we will open it up for questions coming through our chat.

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Carmen Zubin

Thank you. We have multiple questions, and I think you may have just answered it, Tanya. But from Val Sherlin and Karen and Allison, in regards to school-age fees and school age exemptions for kindergarten children. Will children in kindergarten with an age, exemption fall under the \$10, and a preschool fee or a \$20.80 school age fee?

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Jennifer Faulder

We are still working out exactly how that should be handled, and we will provide information as soon as possible. We will get back to you on that as soon as we can.

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Carmen Zubin

Thank you. Carla has asked if the presentation will be made available to the participants?

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Jennifer Faulder

We will be making the presentation available, and it will be posted on our website. Thank you.

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Carmen Zubin

Question from Lydia and Michelle. So both have questions in regards to exceeding absent days. So what happens when the child exceeds the absent days, and who will pay for those fees? So if a child is above their allowable subsidy absent.

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Crystal Simmons

So the allowable absent days to subsidized children is independent from the conversation we're having tonight about the fees. If a child exceeds their absent days. What we consider exceeds the 10 less than 5 days a reporting period. The facility will be contacted by the subsidy advisor or the subsidy manager, a conversation will take place to determine whether or not those absent days will be covered. The absent days will not be covered moving forward. If that decision is made, you'll be notified ahead of time, so that the parents can be notified that they will have to be responsible for their seat. It won't happen in the current reporting period.

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Carmen Zubin

Thank you. Crystal also related to absent days. We have questions from Hillary and Jean, so they're asking what happens to the parent fee grant, when we take time off for holidays or sick days?

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Carla Kernersted

Carla Kernersted here. it's the same as any other closure currently. If you have, you need to close because you're ill, or your family member is ill, or you're on vacation. If care is not being provided, you cannot charge fees to parents or to subsidy, which means you will also not receive the reduced parent fee revenue grant during that period.

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Carmen Zubin

Thank you, Carla. We have questions from Verna, Sherlin, Joel, and Jen, all in regards to additional fees. So one of the examples that we had was, if they can still charge for meals or snacks?

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Carla Kernsted

Yeah, as long as those are optional things for families or if they can choose to bring your own or it's an optional charge sent out in that additional services and fees, procedures and policy.

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Carmen Zubin

Thank you, Carla. Again. We have multiple questions coming in regards to the timing of the payments, and when family, child care providers can expect their payments. From Allison, Irma, Karen, and Gurpreet, Jen, Ashley, all wondering if we know when the payments will be provided to providers.

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Jennifer Faulder

The initial payment will be provided in the first week of April. So in the week of April 3 to April 6 is when you will receive the first payment of the reduced parent fee revenue grant and we will be wanting to ensure that we're providing you funding in a reliable way that does not have a negative impact on cash flow. So we recognize the importance of providing funding at the beginning of the reporting period and so that that is the intention for moving forward as well.

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Carmen Zubin

Thank you. Also related to the payments. Hillary is asking if the statements will itemize what they are being paid for. Do we know this?

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Jennifer Faulder

I don't believe so. I believe that there will be a distinction between the operating grant funding subsidy payment, funding and the reduced parent fee revenue, grant funding. But I do not believe it will be. Then I don't believe that Grant funding will be broken down by child. For example, it would just provide the total amount.

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Jennifer Faulder

And it will be based on your license spaces. So take a look at your license spaces, and know how many different types of spaces you are funded for it.

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Carmen Zubin

Thank you again. Questions in regards to preschool children that have finished kindergarten, but under the age of 7, but they're moving up to a school age. Space. Will they still only pay \$10 a day?

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Jennifer Faulder

A child is considered school age. If they are in grade 1 or higher in school. It is up to the provider to decide whether they consider them to be school age beginning July 1 or September 1 or any time in between. The fee tables show what the rates are, whether they are a school age or a preschool age. So if the decision that you make is to consider that child's school age effective July 1, then the school age rates would apply. If you decide that they will continue to be a preschool child until September 1. Then the preschool rates would apply until they have become school age.

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Crystal Simmons

And may I add to that, please notify the subsidy advisor of the date. You intend to move a child from preschool to school age, because we will have to reassess that.

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Carmen Zubin

Thank you again to questions in regards to subsidize fees. So two more from Rachel and Cynthia. Are we still charging \$2 a day for subsidized fully subsidized now?

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Jennifer Faulder

Yes, there are no changes to the non-subsidized maximum daily fee.

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Carmen Zubin

From Crystal. Will the Government be looking at charging school-age children \$10 a day for in service, days and holidays in the future?

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Jennifer Faulder

At this time the only change to school age fees is for the 3 periods per day

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Carmen Zubin

From Joel. What about If a parent is over the 10 hours because of extenuating circumstances who would pay?

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Crystal Simmons

If it's a subsidized child? The only way the 10 plus always will be paid, is not usually under extenuated circumstances, but based on approval. So the facility will have to be approved to take 10 plus hours, and then the family would have to contact us to get approval to be done that way for children that are not subsidized. I'm going to turn it over to Carla.

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Carla Kernersted

I would assume most many facilities already have a policy in terms of the length of day of attendance based on a parents hours of worker school plus travel time. So it would be a very similar kind of thing that that subsidy would be looking at that they do to the extensive hours of work or travel that they require more than 10 plus hours. And the benefit of that is to children -- that becomes a very long day for children, so it's not something that we want to happen all the time for children. But some families require it.

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Carmen Zubin

Thank you. From Amman. I run a home daycare not funded by the Government. I also do not have any subsidized children so does this apply to my daily rates?

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Jennifer Faulder

No. The maximum daily fees are regulated fees that only apply for homes who are receiving, operating, funding.

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Carmen Zubin

And from Rica: Rica's asking, I still have the subsidy advance. How will this be utilized starting April 2?

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Sarah Whiteford

So it's Sarah here. If you still have remaining subsidy, advance, you are required to ensure that that is an issue to parents to offset parent fees. If you are having any difficulties in determining how to do that, please reach out to your child. Care Coordinator. I know we've been trying to reach out to all facilities to provide that support. So if you're needing help, just reach out to your coordinator and we can work with you.

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Carmen Zubin

So question from Alpha. How about if a parent decides to withdraw, and requires a four-week notice, but they just Parent decides not to bring their child during the four weeks. Are we still getting the reduced parent fee grant?

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Carla Kernersted

If you mark them as absent, and you were hoping, I suppose it sounds like to collect the parent fees from that parent. Then I think that we would respect that as we do. In what can we do in subsidy?

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Crystal Simmons

Crystal speaking, I'm the Subsidies Manager. We are only allowed to pay where the child physically attends. So if the child gives four weeks notice and does not attend another facility, we will pay you the absent days. If a child, if we find her in that time that the child started to attend a different facility. We will pay the other facility for the days they physically attended there, and we pay you the absent days for the time that they didn't attend.

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Sarah Whiteford

I guess the basic principle is, if you are charging parent fees for that day, we will pay you the revenue. grant

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Carmen Zubin

Jen has a question, and asking, do we have to apply for this grant?

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Jennifer Faulder

No. You do not need to apply for this grant. This grant will be provided to all funded facilities who are required to limit their parent fees to the maximum daily fees.

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Carmen Zubin

We have some more questions about the timing of the payment. So just asking for clarification of having do we have a definite schedule after the initial payment of when these grants will be coming in?

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Jennifer Faulder

So we're still working on the details of what the future payments will look like after the initial transition period. So the initial transition period will be 3 months or 3 reporting periods, which is almost 3 months and so that initial payment will come in that week of April 3 to April 6. We will be wanting to ensure that our process, moving forward is providing payments at the beginning of a billing cycle. But the details of exactly what that's going to look like after the initial period has not yet been confirmed. But we will try to get some clear answers to you on that as soon as possible.

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Carmen Zubin

Thank you.

Question from Sherilyn again, if we can please clarify the school age for summer and if they're paying full price or \$10?

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Jennifer Faulder

So the school age fees for summer are not changing, so it depends. If it is a home where the license holder is a ECE II or III or is not, and the if it's 4 to 10 hours per day then the total fee

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Carla Kernsted

\$20.80, or in a home with ECE II or III or \$18.20 in a home with providers not classified as a ECE II or III, and there is no reduced parent fee grant related to full day school age fees.

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Carmen Zubin

Again, Carla, you have that paper out. Maybe you can help answer this one to about charging for kindergarten children with a school age, exemption?

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Carla Kernsted

So when a kindergarten child is granted and approved to be a school-aged child, they are a school age, child, where the school age regulations apply, and that includes the fees. So it would be the school age piece on the chart.

52:27

Sarah Whiteford

Thank you. Okay. So we received a question in French, so I'll read in French, but then I'll also read it in English. So essentially asking if parents are subsidized, not fully subsidized, and they are paying \$10 a day. How are we doing this calculation?

So all of the current subsidized families will be reassessed, and they will receive a confirmation of that assessment as well as the home provider, is also going to receive that confirmation. So in terms of what the fee will be, and how it's collected that's going to be confirmed to you shortly.

53:32

Carmen Zubin

Thanks, Sarah. A question from Terry. It's the first three reporting periods. The facility is paid for are full. What happens after the first three periods to any fees paid if the facility was not full? So in regards to how will the grants come in after the first initial payment. How will those fees be based on?

54:12

Jennifer Faulder

So we're still confirming the exact process that will be used to determine future payments at so starting for reporting periods from now. The intention is to move to having the payments being based on actual enrollment in facilities. We want to set up a process that again minimizes additional burden on facilities, and that you know we want to still be providing you with the payment at the beginning of the billing period, as we noticed, because we recognize how important that is to your cash flow and managing your monthly budgets. We will be providing more information as soon as we can about what exactly that process will look like moving forward.

55:06

Carmen Zubin

Thank you. A question from Gupon. I still have a subsidy advance left and have given it to my parents. I was wondering if I can use it for new parents? Can that be used going forward?

55:23

Sarah Whiteford

Yeah. If you still have some subsidy advance funding, remaining, the intent is to issue that to offset parent fees. If you have new parents in your home, that's a way to do so. But if you have any other specific questions again, do you feel free to reach out to your coordinator.

55:45

Carmen Zubin

From Joanne: if we are advanced the revenue three months during the first week of April, and we have an open space during that time. Do we have to return the money given?

56:12

Jennifer Faulder

No, there will be no need to return any funding that is provided as part of the Reduced Parent Fee Revenue funding the initial payment is intentionally going to be based on full occupancy to ensure that no facility receives less revenue as a result of this reduction in parent fees.

56:23

Carmen Zubin

Thank you. A question from Yuchena. Do we get paid the grant when a child is absent? So maybe we can clarify that again, please?

56:42

Jennifer Faulder

After the initial reporting or sorry after the initial three reporting period payment, we will be moving to basing the reduced parent fee Revenue grant on enrollment in the facility, and that so enrollment does include both absent days and present days. And again, I think it's important to just remember that the idea of this grant is that if you are charging a parent fees, then we will provide you with the additional funding in order to ensure that you are not receiving less revenue as a result of us reducing the parent fees?

57:31

Carmen Zubin

Jen is asking, are we still paid for staff holidays?

57:35

Jennifer Faulder and Sarah Whiteford

Yes.

57:48

Carla Kernersted

Yes, as you would be paid as your large. But charge fees right. You're allowed to charge fees on statutory holidays to both subsidy and to parents. Therefore that would be part of your the same that we would do with the [Reduced] Parent Fee Revenue Grant.

58:17

Carmen Zubin

So we're going to ask our last question, and then we'll take the rest to go if there's any that we haven't answered. So a question from Norma, and this might come up with others. I have an opening for an infant space September first. The parent will start paying for this space at that date, though not actually starting, until in this situation, December. Will I or the parent to be penalized for this length of absences?

58:31

Jennifer Faulder

Now the idea is that if you are charging, if it's not a subsidy, if the parent is not on the subsidy program and you are charging the parent the parent fees for that period then we will provide the Reduced Parent Fee Revenue Grant for that period.

Okay, thank you everyone. And thank you to Carmen for helping to go through the questions, and we recognize it's possible that we might have missed a couple of questions. There's been a lot coming through in the chat. We really appreciate you sending all these questions to us, and we will be reviewing them and updating FAQs on the website and doing our best to get answers to you. Again, if you're if you have questions that are specific to your home. Please reach out to your childcare coordinator or to the CDInfo@gov.mb.ca email box, and we can help you with those specific questions and thank you very much for your time this evening. We really appreciate it. I don't know if Sarah, you want to stay.

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Sarah Whiteford

I just really want to thank you all. Just as Jen was saying, for your time this evening, we acknowledge that this is a pretty significant transition and that it does involve a lot of work on your part as we move to the new fee structure in the end. You know, we're really optimistic about the impact that this will have for families. But you know we do know that for home providers this is a big change, so please do reach out if you have questions, if you need some assistance, if it's to do with you know any sort of question related to this change, please reach out to your coordinator. If you have concerns about subsidy, we can also address those to, and really just want to thank you for, you know, working with us as we as we make this big shift in how parents are assessed fees here in Manitoba so, and thank you for your time this evening.