

Reasons for Decision:

Order # AP1819-0124

<name removed> appealed that their Rent Assist benefits are insufficient.

<name removed> advised that they were working up to the year <year removed> when they became a victim of a violent assault. The appellant was hospitalized from <date removed> to <date removed>, and then was treated to outpatient therapy. This assault has left them with a traumatic brain injury where they are unable to work and is currently receiving victim's compensation benefits. The appellant found a small suite with a monthly rent amount of <amount removed> and applied for Rent Assist. The appellant was found eligible for <amount removed> based on their <year removed> income.

The program reported that <name removed>'s application is approved for one year effective <date removed>. The application was assessed using the income reported on their <year removed> income tax return. In accordance with the Manitoba Assistance Regulations, an application that is received in the first six months of the year (January to June) will be processed based on the income for the second preceding calendar year, and an application received in the last six months (July to December) will be processed based on the income for the previous calendar year. The annual net income of <name removed> was <amount removed>. For a single person household, the annual net income must not exceed \$24, 129.00. The program advised <name removed> can reapply in <date removed> when they will be assessing financial eligibility from the <year removed> income tax returns.

After carefully considering the written and verbal information, the Board has determined that <name removed>'s eligibility for the Rent Assist program has been properly assessed in accordance with The Manitoba Assistance Regulation. The program assesses eligibility on a sliding scale of income to benefit amount ratio. The Board must make its decisions in accordance with the Regulation. Therefore, the decision of the Director is confirmed and this appeal has been dismissed.

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