

Reasons for Decision:

Order #AP1920-0496

On <date removed>, the appellant filed an appeal respecting the Director's calculation of their child care subsidy. No decision letter was submitted as evidence.

The appellant was accompanied at the hearing by their spouse.

The Department told the Board that on the appellant's subsidy application she indicated the reason for requiring the subsidy was that both the appellant and they're spouse were employed and the appellant was in school. The Department calculated the appellant's family contribution amount based on their family income.

The appellant provided the Board details around their family's financial circumstances, which result in their expenses being greater than their income. The appellant stated that the cost of child care is more than the subsidy amount received. It is for these reasons the appellant requested more child care subsidy.

In response to a question from the Board, the appellant stated they understood that the subsidy amount was based on their family income. The Department indicated that if either the appellant's or the spouse's financial situation changes their subsidy can be reassessed once required documentation is received. The Department indicated that household financial obligations do not get factored into the subsidy calculation.

The Board acknowledges the appellant's financial circumstances, however, is also mindful that the eligibility criteria for the subsidy is based solely on family income.

After careful consideration of the written and verbal evidence submitted to it, the Board determines that the Department assessed the appellant's application correctly according to the legislation and regulations. The Board confirms the Director's decision calculating the child care subsidy.

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