

Changes to Manitoba's Child Care Subsidy Program

Sector Webinar

Early Learning and Child Care Division

Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning

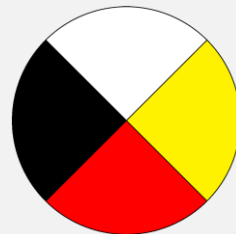
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Land Acknowledgement

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 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.



Webinar Agenda

- Overview
- Program Changes
- Implementation
- Impact
- Things to Note
- Q/A

Overview

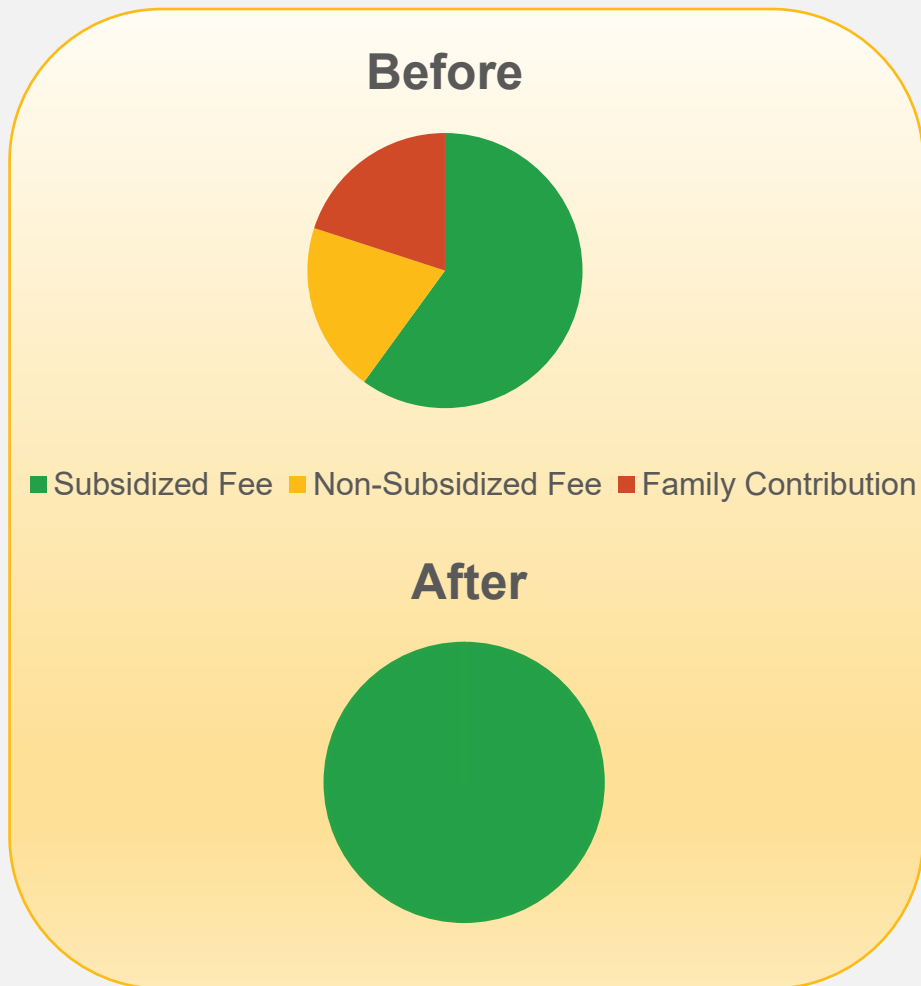
- Manitoba Budget 2026 commitment:

“For single-parent and low-income families who are struggling to keep up with daily costs, we are going to eliminate child-care fees altogether so parents can save a little more for the future and focus on their training, education and finding a good job. Free child care for the families who need it most will help us work toward ending poverty in Manitoba and improve outcomes for every child”.

Overview



Child Care Subsidy Program Changes



- Elimination of **all** parent fees for all families eligible under the program, including
 - a family contribution
 - the non-subsidized parent fee
- Families will either qualify for full subsidy or no subsidy
- Facilities will no longer collect a parent fee from eligible families
 - Exception: families will still be billed by the facility for any absent days not covered by the Program
- Program application process will remain the same
- Subsidy calculation for eligible families will remain the same

Implementation: Operational Changes

- Non-subsidized fees, previously billed to families by facilities, will now be covered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning as an “**Additional Payment**” to facilities
- The Department will also waive family contribution amounts for families currently receiving partial subsidy, thereby issuing full subsidy for all families under the program
 - Exception: families will still be billed by the facility for any absent days not covered by the Program
- Program changes take effect in the billing period beginning Sept. 13, 2026

Implementation: New Facility Approval Letter

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July 13, 2026

PARENT/GUARDIAN
200 CRESCENT AVENUE
WINNIPEG MB R2L 0N8

Approval for Child Care Subsidy

Submission Number: PSA_____

This is to advise that you have been approved for a child care subsidy. The Child Care Subsidy Program will pay the childcare facility listed in this letter the Total Cost of Care for the child(ren) in this approval.

As part of this approval, you are required to notify the Child Care Subsidy Program any time information provided on your Child Care Subsidy Application Form changes. Failure to report changes may result in the suspension or cancellation of your child care subsidy, or further action to recover an overpayment of subsidy. Please send any changes by email to cdcsubsidy@gov.mb.ca.

SUBSIDY APPROVAL PERIOD: August 29, 2026 to February 26, 2027

Identifier	Child Name	Total Allowable Absent Days
HN_____	Child's Name	22
HN_____	Child's Name	20

Identifier	Child Name	Attending Facility	Total Cost of Care
August 29, 2026 to September 2, 2026			
HN_____	Child's Name	(Facility ID) Child Care Centre	\$200.00
Total:			\$200.00
September 3, 2026 to February 26, 2027			
HN_____	Child's Name	(Facility ID) Child Care Centre	\$200.00
HN_____	Child's Name	(Facility ID) Child Care Centre	\$200.00
Total:			\$400.00

Child Care Subsidy
Re: Submission Number PSA_____

To maintain your subsidy approval, regular attendance is required. If this condition is not met, your subsidy approval could be withdrawn.

For more information about childcare fees in licensed Manitoba early learning and childcare facilities, visit: www.manitoba.ca/education/childcare/families/childcare_fees.html

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this decision, please contact the subsidy office by email at cdcsubsidy@gov.mb.ca or by phone at 204-945-8195 or toll free 1-877-587-6224.

As outlined in section 20(5) of The Community Child Care Standards Act you may appeal the amount of your subsidy, or the decision not to grant subsidy. Appeals must be made in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of your Subsidy Decision, to:

SOCIAL SERVICES APPEAL BOARD
7th Floor - 175 Hargrave Street
Winnipeg MB R3C 3R8
Telephone: 204-945-3003 or Toll Free: 1-800-282-8069

Thank you.

Child Care Subsidy Program
cdcsubsidy@gov.mb.ca

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August 10, 2026

Dear Licensed Child Care Facility,

Effective September 13, 2026, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning will be implementing changes to the Child Care Subsidy program that will eliminate both the family contribution and non-subsidized fee for all families approved under the program.

As from September 13, 2026, all families approved for Child Care Subsidy cannot be charged parent fees for children attending licensed child care facilities. The department will pay the regulated maximum daily fee directly to child care facilities based on Facility Attendance Report submissions.

To support a smooth transition for child care facilities and families receiving Child Care Subsidy, please note the following:

- Families with **active Child Care Subsidy approval extending beyond September 13, 2026**, should not be billed any daily child care fee effective September 13, 2026.
- Until revised approval notices are issued to families under the Child Care Subsidy Program, this letter represents confirmation of the Department's directive for billing purposes. This will also serve as guidance, prior to the issuance of updated approval notices, for facilities that may bill families up to one month in advance.
- Any new Subsidy approvals that will be issued between August 1, 2026, and September 13, 2026, and are expected to remain active beyond September 13, 2026, will also be subject to this change effective September 13, 2026.
- Please note that in line with Departmental policy, families remain responsible for all parent fees, that is the full cost of child care, associated with **absent days that exceed the allowable limit** under the Subsidy program.

ed to be updated, revised approval notices we appreciate your patience and **ies may rely on this communication**

ase contact your Subsidy Advisor or the cdcs@gov.mb.ca, or phone: 204-945-8195.

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Sincerely,

Sarah Whiteford
Assistant Deputy Minister
Early Learning and Child Care

c. Nneka Oryenekwu, Executive Director, Funding and Financial Assistance, Early Learning and Child Care

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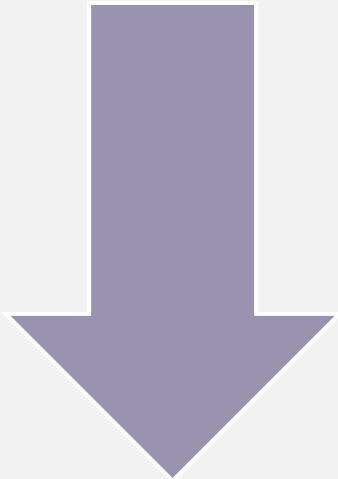
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Impact: Program and Operating



May see an increase in
Child Care Subsidy
Program participation



May see a reduction of
administrative burden
for child care facilities,
as they will no longer
be required to collect an
additional amount from
families in the Child
Care Subsidy Program

Level of Subsidy	Average Annual Savings
Full Subsidy	up to \$520
Partial Subsidy	between \$520 and \$2,600

Things to Note

Allowable Absent Days

- If a child exceeds the maximum allowable absent days, the Child Care Subsidy Program will not cover the cost of child care for the days that the child does not attend, and the family becomes responsible for the total parent fees for any subsequent absent days within the approval period.
 - The facility may collect up to the maximum daily fee from the family for any absent days not covered by the Child Care Subsidy Program.
- The Child Care Subsidy Program will continue to pay for the child's attended days.

Do families already receiving subsidized child care need to reapply?

- Applicants who have already been approved for child care subsidy or have recently applied and not yet received a response do not need to take any action.
 - The applications will be automatically reassessed and adjusted under the new subsidy fee changes.

Things to Note

Are there any changes being made to the Child Care Subsidy Program eligibility?

- No. Child Care Subsidy applications are still based on net household income and family composition including the ages and number of children, and reason for needing care. Applications will continue to be assessed considering each family's unique circumstances.
- Applicants should be encouraged to use the Child Care Subsidy Estimator tool to determine if they may be eligible.

General information about the Child Care Subsidy Program

- General information and online application forms are available on the Early Learning and Child Care website at: manitoba.ca/childcaresubsidy
- The online Subsidy Eligibility Estimator and the content on the early learning and child care website will be updated on September 13, 2026
- Following the news release at the beginning of September, some parents may reach out with questions. You can reassure them that there have been no changes to eligibility criteria.
 - Please refer to the circular, FAQ, and pre-approval letter for further details and key messages.

Contact Information

Child Care Subsidy Program

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Early Learning and Child Care - General Inquiries

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Website: manitoba.ca/childcare

Questions?



Thank you! Merci! Miigwech!