

\$10 a Day, Parent Fees, Extension to Non-School Days Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024

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Jason Booth

Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Jason Booth, with Manitoba, early learning and child care. Thank you for joining us for this afternoon's webinar, **\$10 a Day, Parent Fees, Extension to Non-School Days**.

This Webinar will be presented by Jennifer Faulder, executive director policy and planning branch, Nneka Onyenekwu, director funding and financial assistance, and Matthias Rust, director of Strategic Policy and Intergovernmental Relations.

Following the formal presentation, we will have time for questions which you are welcome to submit via the chat. Throughout the presentation we will try to answer as many questions as we can, which will be read out by a couple of guests here today, Jessica Brosch and Melissa Shapiro.

ELCC will be documenting all the questions that are sent to ensure that even questions that are not answered live will be reviewed and considered

as a reminder. Please limit your questions to the matter at hand, and with that I'll turn things over to Jennifer for the land acknowledgement and to review tonight's agenda for this afternoon's agenda.

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Jennifer Faulder

Thanks, Jay, and welcome everyone. Thank you for taking time out of your day today to be here and to learn more about the \$10 a day. Parent fees.

So, to begin with, the land acknowledgement; We recognize that Manitoba is on Treaties 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10 Territories and the ancestral lands of Anishinaabe, Anishininewuk, 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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Jennifer Faulder

Here we just have a overview of the agenda for the webinar this afternoon, and rather than reading through all of that, we will jump right into it. So as a reminder to many of you and an overview, perhaps if anyone here is relatively new to early learning and childcare, Manitoba committed to reducing parent fees to an average of \$10 per day by March 31, 2026 for children under the age of 7 as part of our Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.

So we achieved this target and commitment in 2023, 3 years ahead of schedule. In Budget 2024, Manitoba committed to investing in the extension of \$10 a day for parent fees for school age, children on non-school days.

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Jennifer Faulder

Extending \$10 per day parent fees to include in-service days and school breaks, makes childcare more affordable and accessible for Manitoba families. In anticipation of Budget 2024, passing by November 7, the maximum daily fees on non-school days or school age children, effective December 8th will be \$10 a day for 4 to 10 hours of care, \$5 per day for less than 4 hours, and \$15 per day for more than 10 hours. So this makes the parent fees consistent across all groups.

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Jennifer Faulder

So for funded facilities, all funded facilities are required to comply with these maximum parent fees of \$10 per day for in-service days, and school breaks, beginning on December 8, and for unfunded facilities you are allowed to charge fees that exceed the maximum daily fees other than for subsidized families, for whom no more than the maximum daily fees can be charged.

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Nneka Onyenekwu

Manitoba will be supporting this transition to the or extension of the \$10 a day to non-school days in 2 main ways. So the 1st way will be in form of regular funding, provided either as the reduced parent fee, revenue grant, or additional subsidy depending on whether it's a funded facility or a non-funded facility that has subsidized children.

So for funded facilities, additional funding will be provided which is equivalent to the difference between the previous fees prior to \$10 a day on non-school days, and the new fees, which is \$10 a day, and the sense of this is for revenue to remain unchanged even after the implementation of these new fees.

So for unfunded facilities, Manitoba will continue to offset the difference between the fees that these unfunded facilities would have charged for subsidized children and \$10 a day, so that will be additional subsidy for those eligible children enrolled in such facilities.

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Nneka Onyenekwu

On this slide we have the new fee regimes for funded centers or funded enhanced childcare homes. So the enhanced childcare homes are those facilities where the provider is either an ECE II or an ECE III holder.

So we have 2 categories of fees depending on whether it's a school day or a non-school day. So for school days we have the 1, 2, and 3 periods of attendance. They're in white, and then for in-service school breaks other non-school days, we have them in 3 categories there in blue, so that will be less than 4 hours per day, 4 to 10 hours a day, or more than 4 hours a day, which represents how fees are normally billed on such non-school days.

As we would see on the table there, Manitoba has been paying the 30 cents since the introduction of the \$10 a day to school days since April 2 so now effective. December 8, on the second to the last column, there we have 3 additional revenue grants that will be paid, depending on the period of attendance of the child. So if it's less than \$4 a day the maximum fees will now be \$5 a day, and Manitoba will pay an additional \$5.40 such that the total revenue to the facility would be \$10.40. Similarly, if the child is to attend 4 to 10 hours a day, they will be charged \$10 a day, such that Manitoba will pay \$10.80 cents, and total revenue will be \$20.80, and in the same vein the maximum fees for over 10 h would be \$15 a day. We would pay an additional \$16.20 such that total revenue would be \$31.20 to facilities.

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Nneka Onyenekwu

On the next slide we have the same table just for non-enhanced childcare homes. So it is exactly the same presentation as the previous table, just slightly different fees. In summary, the total revenue to the facility for 4 to 10 hours a day of attendance on a non-school day will be \$9.10, where \$4.10 will be provided by Manitoba, so that the fees can be \$5 a day.

And of course there would be \$10 a day for 4 to 10 hours of attendance. Total revenue to the facility will be \$18.20, because Manitoba will be paying \$8.20.

Finally, the total revenue to the facility would be \$27.30. If the child attends for more than \$10 per day, because Manitoba will be paying an additional \$12.30.

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Nneka Onyenekwu

Okay, so this now, is the additional subsidy for the unfunded facilities equivalent to the other additional payments for the funded facilities. So, as we said earlier, the additional subsidy would be equivalent to the revenue grant that would have been payable for that child had it been a funded facility.

So it's paid through the regular subsidy reporting and payment process. The facility would just need to report the attendance accordingly, and that difference will be automatically calculated and provided to the facility after they submit their reports.

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Nneka Onyenekwu

And so this table shows us what that payment schedule would be like. So to the left we have the maximum fees, and to the right we have some additional subsidy. So we would see that for infant preschool and school age 3 periods. That's on school days we have already been paying the additional funding, whether they're a center or enhanced home, or whether it's a home provider that is not an enhanced home. So we've been paying \$20 for infants in centers. We've been paying \$10.80 for preschoolers, and we've been paying 30 cents for school age, 3 periods so effective. December 8, Manitoba will now pay an additional \$10.80 for school age, hours, 4 to 10 hours, and in a home where the provider is not ECE II or III, we will pay an additional \$8.20 for the subsidized children.

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Jennifer Faulder

Okay, thank you, Nneka. So for the transition grant to support the transition to the automated revenue grant payment system through childcare online, a one-time transition grant is provided to eligible facilities, and the one-time transition grant will also be provided to support facilities with the extension of \$10 a day parent fees to 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.

So eligible facilities will receive the transition grant before December 8.

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Jennifer Faulder

In terms of eligibility centers and family or group childcare 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 that's a new facility that's opening, or as expansion spaces open

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Jennifer Faulder

In terms of how the transition Grant payment will be calculated for school age spaces for non-school days. What we have done is looked at the total number of non-school days in a calendar year, and then determined what the average number of non-school days will be per reporting period over the calendar year. And so, there are 6 non-school days per reporting period. When we look at the average over the year, and we're determining the transition grant payment in this method, because the transition grant will be paid in the future as a 1 time payment when any new facility opens or there are expansion spaces. So, we needed a method that we could implement on an ongoing basis, regardless of the time of year that a facility or the space is opening.

And the transition grant is so it's based on the facility type and 6 non-school days for 2 reporting periods, for the number of licensed school age spaces in an eligible funded facility.

So this is an example here. If there is a funded center that is, licensed for 30 school age spaces They would receive the value of the revenue grant, which for a non-school day, which is \$10.80 for 6 days in a reporting period for 2 reporting periods.

So you multiply all those together, and the amount that you would receive is \$3,888. In that example

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Jennifer Faulder

Some updates will be required to childcare online. So there will be a mass subsidy reassessment that will be completed in Childcare online prior to December 8th

and beginning on January 5, 2025, the childcare online facility reporting and payment process will be updated to include school-age children enrolled on non-school days in the calculations and payments of the reduced parent fee revenue grant for funded facilities, and the additional subsidy on behalf of subsidized children in non-funded facilities.

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Matthias Rust

Okay, we'll we'll now proceed to some answers to common questions starting with childcare subsidy.

How will the new parent fees affect families who receive childcare subsidy?

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Jennifer Faulder

Manitoba families receiving childcare 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.

Some families may no longer require childcare subsidy. If under the new parent fee rates, they will be paying less than they were paying with the previously subsidized fees.

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Matthias Rust

How will families know what their reassessed contribution will be?

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Jennifer Faulder

Families will receive an approval for childcare subsidy letter, indicating the amount of their reassessed 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 that will be paying less under the reduced fees than they were paying previously, will receive a reassessment of childcare subsidy letter, indicating the family is no longer eligible for subsidy, beginning December 8.

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Matthias Rust

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

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Jennifer Faulder

Facilities will be sent a CCO-generated reassessment of childcare 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.

And for families that are no longer eligible, a family contribution for a period of time ending on December 7, and under a period of time beginning on December 8, it will state family not eligible for subsidy.

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Matthias Rust

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

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Jennifer Faulder

Yes, the minimum payable after subsidy fees per child will not change. For example, a school age child attending between 4 and 10 hours per day. The maximum subsidized daily fee will be \$8, and the maximum non-subsidized daily additional fee will continue to be \$2 for a total parent fee of \$10 per day. For more information you can see the updated total parent fee revenue tables for facilities, effective December 8.

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Matthias Rust

Are school age fees on regular school days, changing?

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Jennifer Faulder

No, there are no changes to parent fees on regular school days the parent fees for school age, children enrolled for 3 periods per day before school lunch and after school continues to be \$10 per day.

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Matthias Rust

Does a non-school day include summer break?

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Jennifer Faulder

Yes, non-school days include summer, break, winter break and spring break as well as in-service days during the school year.

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Matthias Rust

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

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Jennifer Faulder

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

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Matthias Rust

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

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Jennifer Faulder

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.

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Matthias Rust

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

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Jennifer Faulder

Yes, the new rates apply anytime. Parents are charged fees in funded facilities. It is a facility policy, decision. If the day is considered to be a full day where the child would theoretically be enrolled 4 to 10 hours, or if they would theoretically be enrolled for 1, 2, or 3 periods of care on that day

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Matthias Rust

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

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Jennifer Faulder

Yes, the childcare regulation outlines that a facility providing childcare on a casual basis cannot charge a fee that exceeds the applicable maximum daily fee, and that applies to both subsidized and non-subsidized families. If the facility is funded and to subsidized families, if the facility is unfunded.

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Matthias Rust

When does a preschool child become a school age child?

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Jennifer Faulder

The childcare regulation defines a school age child as a child enrolled in grade one to 6 in a school. Once a child completes kindergarten, they can be considered enrolled in grade one. 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.

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Matthias Rust

How will the new fee structure affect age, exemption requests for kindergarten children to be considered school age?

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Jennifer Faulder

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, exempt age, exemption requests for approval.

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Matthias Rust

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

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Jennifer Faulder

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

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Matthias Rust

Will funded facilities, still receive the revenue grant when children are absent?

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Jennifer Faulder

if a facility is charging fees to parents because the child is enrolled, 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's important to include days attended and absent days for all children, both subsidized and non-subsidized on facility. Attendance reports

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Matthias Rust

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

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Jennifer Faulder

Yes, however, the regular and additional subsidy is not paid. If a family has exceeded their allowable absent days and we have a link here to a circular that is available on our website with more information about the allowable absent day policies for the Childcare Subsidy program.

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Matthias Rust

When will facilities receive the Transition grant payment?

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Jennifer Faulder

Eligible funded facilities will receive the transition grant before December 8. Facilities with direct deposit will receive their payment earlier than those waiting for a check.

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Matthias Rust

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

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Jennifer Faulder

There are no additional reporting requirements for funded facilities to receive the revenue grant for school age children.

The automated monthly payment process through childcare online will be updated to include the 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's important to submit your facility report after the end of a reporting period.

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Matthias Rust

How will the revenue grant payments be determined beginning on January 5, 2025?

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Jennifer Faulder

The 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, including days attended and days absent, some of which may be in use by 2 children at separate times during the day.

Revenue grant payments will be outlined in the facility payment, summary report.

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Matthias Rust

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?

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Jennifer Faulder

Facilities should report based on the child's enrollment in this example enter the days attended or days absent as 4 to 10 hours on known school days for this child on the facility report.

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Matthias Rust

How do I report a kindergarten child on a facility report?

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Jennifer Faulder

A child in kindergarten is a preschool child unless there is an approved age exemption in place.

So if the child has an approved exemption to be considered a school age child, the child is reported as a school age child on the facility report. If there is not an exemption, then the child is reported as a preschool child.

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Matthias Rust

When must facility reports be submitted?

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Jennifer Faulder

Facilities are required to submit a completed facility report through childcare online within 30 days, at the end of each 28 day reporting period.

For example, the Facility report for December 8 to January 5, reporting period must be submitted no later than February 3.

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Matthias Rust

Why is it important to review the facility payment summary that outlines the details of a subsidy and revenue grant payment?

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Jennifer Faulder

Any discrepancies, errors, omissions, etc, must be reported to the childcare subsidy program to ensure that any necessary payment adjustments can be processed and issued.

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Jennifer Faulder

And then we have some contacts and resources. This deck and a transcript of this webinar will be posted on our website. So you will be able to find these links by visiting our website as well.

And if you have additional questions after, we will go through some of the questions that have come through the chat. But if after that you have still more questions.

Then you can contact CDCCINFO@gov.mb.ca , with the subject line "Extension of 10 a Day," or you can call us at (204) 945-0776.

And here is some additional information about the childcare subsidy program, and how to submit a facility report through childcare online.

So you can review the facility orientation. That is, from April 24, 2024 on our circulars and webinars page on our website. And please watch for an email invitation to register for upcoming facility, orientation, childcare subsidy and facility reporting that will be coming up in December 2024.

If you are not currently set up for direct deposit, we strongly encourage you to do so. And you can email elccfinance@gov.ca. to be set up for direct deposit.

And if you have any questions about the transition grant payment, the same email address get used.

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Jennifer Faulder

And so we will go to some questions that have come in through the chat.

27:01

Jessica Brosch

Okay, we have a question from Irene. She's asking if you could speak a little bit about early dismissal days, for example, their school age program is open for 5 hours on those days. How will that be affected?

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Jennifer Faulder

So the attendance should be reported, based on the period of care. So if it is 4 to 10 hours of care, then it should be recorded as 4 to 10 hours of care, except that Brigitte is giving me...

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Brigitte A'Bear

This is Brigitte A'Bear, childcare subsidy manager. If there is an early dismissal. it's paid at the regular school day rates.

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Jennifer Faulder

So it'd be 3 periods a day or 2 periods a day depending.

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Jessica Brosch

Thank you. We have a question from Tracy. She'd like to know if this is for sure, or will it be dependent on budget approval in November?

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Jennifer Faulder

So in our communication, we've indicated that we are providing this advance notice in anticipation of the budget passing on November 7.

So just some additional context is that the rules of the legislature require the MLAs to vote on the budget before they will be allowed to leave the building on November 7. So we know with certainty that there will be a vote on the budget on November 7, and we also know that the current government has a majority. So we are relatively confident that they will vote in favor of their own budget, and therefore the budget will pass on November 7.

So that is why we felt confident, providing the advance. Notice that the fees will come into effect on December 8.

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Jessica Brosch

Thank you. Brittany is asking the administration the announcement with the. With this it adds additional operational costs in an admin way. Will there be any provisions made to account for the additional administrative time that will be spent reconciling the facility, payments, and revenue top up parent fees received?

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Jennifer Faulder

The way that the payment report is provided includes a breakdown of I'm looking at Nneka to maybe answer this, but I believe it includes the breakdown of how that revenue grant was calculated for that facility correct?

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Nneka Onyenekwu

Yes, so they are probably referring to the change in billing to the families who would normally have been billed at the old rates, and whether we will be offsetting that additional one time. I believe transition costs. At this time we are not providing additional revenue to the facilities or payments. For this purpose, however, we are banking on the gains to the sector in form of the reduced fees to the parents or the families, and the automation of this process because we've come a long way since last year. April 2, when this was introduced, first as manual payments that required a lot of reconciliation. So now not only are they automated, they are now being applied across board to all spaces, so hopefully the entire sector will benefit from those gains and efficiencies that we are experiencing.

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Jessica Brosch

Thank you. We have a question from Brittany. What if the center has a combination of funded and unfunded spaces?

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Nneka Onyenekwu

I can take that. So we are paying the revenue grant for all spaces and funded facilities. Whether or not the spaces are funded or not. Whether or not these spaces are funded and unfunded. Spaces are usually in that state for a brief amount of time, because we have been would, I say,

more timely in our providing funding to unfunded spaces in funded facilities. So we will pay that grant for all licensed spaces in funded facilities.

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Jessica Brosch

Thank you. Facilities with extended hours care, how will they be paid?

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Jennifer Faulder

So the fee structure is, if it, if the care that's being provided is 10 hours or more in a day, then the parents can be charged up to \$15, and the reduced parent fee revenue grant would be valued at the amount between the old fees and the \$15.

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Jessica Brosch

Thank you. We have a question from Sharon. She's asking what happens if the school division has more in-service days than ELCC is allotted.

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Jennifer Faulder

School divisions are the number of in-service days that a school division can have is set in regulation, so they are not allowed to have more than 10 per school year. So that is how we have set this up. However, the payment will be based on how you report in your facility attendance report.

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Jessica Brosch

Andrea asked, do we reflect this change in the center operating budget which has the fiscal year from, let's say, October to September 2025?

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Nneka Onyenekwu

Okay, so currently facilities offering school age spaces will fall into one of 2 categories. You're either offering care on non school days, or you are not predominantly non-school days that fall during the summer period. So for those that are currently licensed to be closed during the summer period, their operating grants are prorated to reflect that, however, if they are open during non-school days that fall outside the summer period, they are already receiving operating grants for those non-school days, so a change will happen only if they now want to be licensed to open during the summer period, then they can contact their childcare coordinator, and their license will reflect that, and their operating grants will be increased accordingly.

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Jessica Brosch

Thank you. Suniti asked. If parents fill out their forms for the child to attend more than 10 hours per day, but pick up their child before the 10 hours. What fees can we charge?

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Jennifer Faulder

But ask if there's someone, either? Because I think it's still based on enrollment. So if that child...

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Brigitte A'Bear

The agreement was the enrollment was 10 plus hours they would record that attendance as 10 plus hours. If that was the initial agreement between the parent and the daycare provider.

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Jennifer Faulder

But typically that would be based on a demonstrated need for the majority of the time requiring more than 10 hours of care, so a parent should not be able to register for 10 plus hours of care unless they have a demonstrated need for that. And of course, there may be exceptions when they would pick their child up earlier.

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Jessica Brosch

Okay, Michelle asked, what about centers that provide care to multiple children who attend multiple schools with different in-service days? Would this affect the payment if they have more than 10 in-service days per school year?

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Jennifer Faulder

So again, the payment will be based on what is reflected in the facility attendance report. So if you have children attending you know, if you have a mix that on a particular day some are attending for 4 to 10 hours, and others are attending 3 periods per day. You should enter that accurately on the facility attendance report and the revenue grant payment will be paid accordingly.

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Jessica Brosch

So we have one more question. Unless anybody online would like to submit any other questions before we wrap up this afternoon.

So Cynthia is asking, what do we do for non... For, sorry, for noon dismissal when the child is attending, let's say 12 to 5:30?

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Jennifer Faulder

Well, I almost answered this incorrectly before, so I'm going to turn to Bridget to answer.

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Brigitte A'Bear

I think we should do a deep dive into that. But based on the policy or on our policy, is that the child is still considered early school dismissal. So it's still paid out in period care.

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Jessica Brosch

Thank you. And just to remind anybody out there, you can also send specific questions to your child care coordinator, and they can always look for the answers for you and help you with those.

So I think that's all our questions we have. So the school division uses the 1st 2 days as conference days, however, all the children are in attendance all day, except for, let's say, a couple minutes per day.

There are 10 additional in-service days. Not sure what the specific question is here. If it's just that, there's more in service days that that they have?

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Jennifer Faulder

Yeah, I mean again, the school divisions are under regulation. They are only allowed to have 10 in service days per school year.

I see a couple of people noting that there's more than 10, I mean, that's something we can follow up on that. All the school calendars are also posted on the education website, showing when their 10 days are, they're required to submit that to the Department. The department reviews all of it, and confirms that they are complying with the regulation. So you know, I can't speak to individual circumstances about that. But regardless, I think, what matters to the folks on the call here is that if you have a child in attendance for 4 to 10 hours day, then you would mark that accurately on the facility attendance report, and you'll be paid accordingly.

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Jessica Brosch

Okay, we have a few more questions that came in, so we'll try to answer some of them. Natasha is asking, why is this parent fee supplement now paid under subsidy instead of its own grant, and is lumped in with subsidized child payments?

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Nneka Onyenekwu

I can answer that. It's not exactly being lumped, even though you may see it as one payment or deposit in your bank account. So what we are doing is leveraging the facility attendance reports which serve as the basis for both subsidy payments and the reduced parent fee revenue grant. So because they are based on the same 4 weekly cycle, and the report is submitted at the same time, it's more or less likely, if not certain, that both payments will be processed at the same time and deposited at the same time, however, our payment system SAP would normally send a breakdown of what that lump sum deposit in your bank account represents. So if you were to check your email a couple of days prior to deposit, you will see the breakdown, which part is the reduced parent fee revenue grants, and which part is the subsidy payment. So it's just leveraging the same system based on the same cycle. But there are 2 distinct payments.

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Jessica Brosch

Thank you. Bonnie's asking what impact this has on guaranteed spaces?

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Jennifer Faulder

That's a good question that I don't know the answer to. Yeah, I yes, we have to take that back.

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Jessica Brosch

So Robin's asking over 4 hours is a full day of preschool. Why wouldn't it be the same for school age?

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Jennifer Faulder

Yeah. So, as Brigitte mentioned, that's something. I mean we have a current policy right now that says that early dismissal the day is treated as period care, and that's something that we're willing to look at and reconsider. But we have to have time to review that before we can. We can't simply make a decision on this call to change government policy. So we'll have to get back to you on that.

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Jessica Brosch

Thank you. And what about weather days? Jenna's asking. When the schools are closed and we are open for full weather days. How does that look?

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Brigitte A'Bear

So as long as you are billing all families subsidized and non-subsidized, you are to put a note in your on the facility sign off page. Please put a note on there that you were closed for a snowstorm or weather, and that you are billing all families. I think the question was, what if they are open on a snow day when the school is closed, and they are therefore providing full day care for school age, children. So that would be.

We would still be paying it out at a full day, because they are attending for that full day. You would mark it as a full day attendance, and you can put a note in your where you can write notes explaining what had happened, that the schools were closed and you were open.

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Jennifer Faulder

Great, thank you so much again to everyone who took time out of your afternoon to join us and to ask questions. I hope we have been able to answer most of them. And again, please feel free to email or call. If you still have some outstanding questions. Thank you and enjoy the rest of your day.