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Subject: **Child Care Subsidy for Participants Seeking Employment**

Manitoba Child Care provides a “Seeking Employment” subsidy to Manitobans, including income assistance participants, who are seeking employment. The Seeking Employment subsidy may be used while a parent is researching the job market, preparing a resume, meeting with an employment counselor, calling and visiting employers or attending job interviews.

The maximum length of the subsidy has been extended to better accommodate the need for an adequate length of time to find employment. Effective immediately, the maximum length of the Seeking Employment subsidy is extended from a two-week period to an eight-week period. The maximum eight weeks of subsidy (40 days) is limited to each period of six consecutive months and may be used in a flexible manner best suited to meet a family’s job search needs. For example, the subsidy may be used as 40 full days, 80 half days or any other part-time combination as long as the maximum is not exceeded. Income assistance participants must continue to pay the first \$1.40 per day per child, or a pro-rated amount.

For income assistance participants currently using the Seeking Employment subsidy, the eight-week maximum subsidy may be approved.

Parent should be encouraged to work together with their child care facility to best match the child care services available to their unique job search needs. Parent must notify Child Day Care at 945-8195, as well as their child care facility, should they no longer need a Seeking Employment subsidy, or their needs for the subsidy change.

A reference to the Employment Seeking subsidy has been added to the on-line policy manual in section 21.3.1.

If you have any questions about the Employment Seeking subsidy, please contact us. Thank you.

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