

Craig Yeo

From: Julie Green
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 12:36 PM
To: Craig Yeo
Subject: FW: Re: Disability

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From: Poitras David [mailto:poitrasdh@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 10:51 AM
To: Julie Green
Subject: Fw: Re: Disability

From: Poitras David <poitrasdh@msn.com>
Sent: August 29, 2016 12:34 PM
To: Maia Lepage
Subject: Re: Re: Disability

Thank you for your assistance! Much appreciated

David

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From: Maia Lepage <Maia_Lepage@gov.nt.ca>
Date: 2016-08-29 10:50 AM (GMT-07:00)
To: poitrasdh@msn.com
Cc: Sheila Kotchilea <Sheila_Kotchilea@gov.nt.ca>, Rachel Marin <Rachel_Marin@gov.nt.ca>
Subject: RE: Re: Disability

Sent on behalf of the Honorable Alfred Moses, Minister of Education, Culture and Employment

Hello David,

Thank you for your follow-up question, regarding the Income Assistance (IA) program. In August 2016, the Department of Education, Culture & Employment (ECE) restructured IA to improve the financial support provided to families. In addition to exempting all income intended for children (as previously outlined), we updated our

benefits to better support our families with children. The revised IA benefit structure coupled with the exemption of income intended help with the cost of raising children, such as the new Canada Child Benefit, child support and the NWT Child Benefit, results in families (with children) having more money each month.

Since August 1, 2016 food and clothing benefits are issued for all family members 18 years and older. We have also introduced a new benefit called the Community Cost Adjustment (CCA). This benefit is issued for each child 17 years and younger and accounts for the varying cost of living between each community.

In the example, provided below, the applicant has \$1013.75 more after the changes made to the IA program in August 2016. The rates are based on a single parent with two children living in Fort Smith:

July 2016		August 2016	
Needs:		Needs:	
Food	\$666.00	Food	\$391.00
Clothing	146.00	Clothing	86.00
Rent	1610.00	Rent	1610.00
		CCA	33.00
Total IA Needs	\$2422.00	Total IA Needs	\$2120.00
Income:		Income:	
NCBS*	*357.91	CCB	983.00
UCCB*	*220.00	NWT CB	84.16
NWT CB	84.16		
CCTB	245.16		
Total Income	\$907.23	Total Income	\$1067.16
*income was clawed back			
IA Payments Issued	\$1844.09	IA Payments Issued	\$2120.00
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NWT CB	\$84.16	NWT CB	\$84.16
CCTB	\$245.16	CCB	\$983
Total Household Income	\$2173.41	Total Household Income	\$3187.16

If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Fort Smith ECE Service Centre at 872-7425.

Sincerely,

Ms. | Mme Maia Lepage
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From: Poitras David [mailto:poitrasdh@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 4:42 PM
To: Sheila Kotchilea
Subject: Re: Disability

Thank you for the follow up reply. A person on disability had their food and clothing for children under 17 years cut as a result of the Federal increase in CCB. Is this in accordance with the department's policy?

Once again, thank you.

David Poitras

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From: Sheila Kotchilea <Sheila_Kotchilea@gov.nt.ca>
Date: 2016-08-23 9:04 AM (GMT-07:00)
To: "poitrasdh@msn.com" <poitrasdh@msn.com>
Cc: Maia Lepage <Maia_Lepage@gov.nt.ca>, Sheila Kotchilea <Sheila_Kotchilea@gov.nt.ca>, Rachel Marin <Rachel_Marin@gov.nt.ca>
Subject: Disability

Sent on behalf of Honourable Alfred Moses, Minister of Education, Culture and Employment

Hello Mr. Poitras,

Thank you for your email regarding the Northwest Territories (NWT) Income Assistance (IA) program. The Income Assistance Program provides financial assistance to help Northerners meet basic living costs. The program reduces poverty, provides support and promotes self-reliance.

In July 2016, the Government of Canada replaced the Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB) with the new Canada Child Benefit (CCB). To ensure our residents receive the full benefit of this increased income program we have revised the IA Program and exempted income intended to help with the cost of raising children. I am pleased to share with you that as of August 1, 2016 all payments received from the new Canada Child Benefit (CCB) from the Government of Canada are exempted from the calculation of IA benefits. Additionally, the revised IA Program no longer count all other income types intended to help with the cost of raising children, such as child support, earnings that a child may make from working, and the NWT Child Benefit.

This approach supports the 18th Legislative Assembly's mandate related to reducing cost of living, fostering healthy families, improving the affordability of childcare and reducing poverty by increasing income of low and modest income families. We made these changes at the same time as the Federal Government changes so that our clients with children would benefit immediately from the new CCB rates.

If you have more specific questions regarding the IA program, please contact our Fort Smith ECE Service Centre at 872-7425.

Thank you,

Ms. | Mme Sheila Kotchilea

Executive Administrative Coordinator to Honourable Alfred Moses | Coordonnatrice administrative de direction de Monsieur Alfred Moses

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From: Poitras David [mailto:poitrasdh@msn.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2016 6:00 PM

To: Alfred Moses

Subject: Disability

Sir,

Is it a fact that since the Federal Government raised the family allowance by \$260 for a mother with two children under 17 that she will no longer receive a food or clothing allowance for these two children?

If true this mother will be receiving less than before the Feds raised the family allowance.

At least at the Fort Smith Income Assistance office this is true.

That is a brazen claw back if I ever saw one.

David Poitras
Fort Smith