

Reduced Fee Revenue Grant Transition Grant and the New Monthly Payment Process

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Hi, good afternoon, everyone. My name is Jason Booth, Engagement specialist with Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Division.

Thank you for joining us this afternoon. Today's webinar is reduced parent fee revenue transition grants and the new monthly payment process Webinar will be presented by Jennifer Falder, Executive Director, Policy and Planning French, and Nneka Onyenekwu, Executive Director Funding and Financial Assistance. And we will be reviewing information regarding the transition grant and the new monthly payments after the webinar we will have time for questions? Bear with me. I'm just pulling up our video here.

There we go. Okay. And, ELCC will be documenting all the questions that are sent in to ensure that even the questions that are not answered Live will be reviewed and considered. We'll also have, Jessica Brosch, taking your questions at the end of today's formal presentation.

And with that, I'll turn things over to Jennifer for the land acknowledgement.

01:30

Jennifer Faulder

Okay, hi everyone and thanks for joining us today. We want to start with a land acknowledgement. We recognize that Manitoba is on Treaties 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10 Territories and the ancestral lands of the 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.

So we're just gonna pull up the agenda. So just to briefly, over the agenda for the session today.

We're going to provide a little bit of background. Then we'll explain what the reduced parent fee revenue transition grant is.

We will also go over the new upcoming automated revenue branch payment process. Then we'll go through some frequently asked questions, few reminders and context.

What? So we can go to the first background slide.

So the, as a reminder, I'm sure everyone on the call is familiar with our reduced parent fee revenue grant which throughout this we will just refer to as revenue rent for short.

And that was implemented in April of 2023 to offset the reduction in parent fees with the implementation of the \$10 a day parent fees initiative. So the revenue grant provides the difference between the current \$10 a day parent fees and the previous maximum parent fees to ensure that facilities are continuing to receive the same amount of revenue as they were prior to, the implementation on April 2, 2023.

The first 4 payments of the revenue branch were provided as lump sum payments, that were provided.

In advance of the relevant reporting periods because we did not have an automated payment process in place. And the last of those 4 was issued in the week of January 29 and covered through the reporting periods that will be ending March 30.

So we're going to go into more detail about this new automated payment of the revenue grant later in the presentation.

Just to, that helps to explain the transition grant to understand that beginning April 28. We will be moving forward with a new automated.

Process for paying the revenue grant through child care online. So that beginning a April 28, the payment of the revenue grant for the reporting period of March 31 - April 27 will be made through this new process.

The new process will use the child attendance facility reports. And while there's been a lot of work to create this process in child care online on the back end from the facilities perspective there should be very little to no difference in your experience with competing facility reports in your experience with competing facility reports.

There's no additional reporting requirements. And the facility report will not look different to you. We'll just continue reporting attendance through these facility reports.

But now the system will be able to generate the revenue grant payment, to backend, So again, we will explain more about that.

In future sites but next we're going to chat about the new transition grant.

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Jennifer Faulder

So we are introducing and you would have received circular about this recently. A new one-time reduced parent fee revenue transition grant.

And that we are going to refer to as transition grant for ease of discussion today. And it's going to be provided to all funded facilities.

So that's centers homes and nursery schools. And you should be starting to receive that. And the purpose of this transition grant is to help facilities with transitioning from the previous process of receiving the revenue grant payments.

Prior to a reporting period beginning. To now receiving the revenue grant after the relevant reporting period. So its help is, the purpose is to help ensure that facilities have sufficient cash flow to pay for operating expenses. Including wages during this transition period.

The transition grant amount will be based on offened facilities total licensed spaces and facility type over 2 reporting periods. Similar to how the revenue grant amounts have been calculated in the past. The transition grant is not in advance. Does not need to be reconciled or repaid. At a later date. It is a one-time grant for existing funded facilities.

And will also be provided to eligible facilities as new spaces become funded, whether that's a new facility or an existing facility with namespaces that are funded. As I said, the everyone should be receiving the transition grant during the week of March, the 20 fifth and financial statements will be emailed by April 5. So the transition grant calculations will be. Again, similar to the way that the revenue grant was provided for all infant and preschool spaces licensed spaces.

It will be based on those in 4 to 10 hours of care. For school age it will be where it's where 3 periods of care are offered and for nursery school 0 to 4 hours of care and the number of morning and or afternoon sessions offered per reporting period and some additional calculations will be done manually for facilities that offer evening overnight or weekend spaces.

And now we're just gonna go through a few sample calculations to help further explain how the transition grant will be calculated.

So this first example is a child care home where the license holder is classified as an ECEII or ECEIII.

And in this example. The home is licensed for 3 infants, 2 preschool and 3 school-aged children.

And the school age children are there for 3 periods per day. So as you can see the revenue grant daily amount per space is in the first column.

The number of days in the reporting period next and it's over 2 reporting periods. So you would multiply the 3 infant spaces times the \$20 per space, Times 20 reporting days in period, times 2 recording periods and that equals 2,400 so you can sort of do that math throughout this table to see the total transition grant payment that will be provided.

Okay, so the next example is a child care home where the license holder is not classified as an ECEII or an ECEIII.

So the same scenario, however, in this case, revenue grant, daily amount per space is a bit lower.

And therefore the total amount is a bit lower. It would be the same. Process for calculation.

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Jennifer Faulder

The next one, we have is an example of a nursery school license for 20 nursery school spaces.

Operating 5 sessions per week, so that would be 20 sessions per reporting period. So again, you can see we have the revenue branch amount per day per space.

Number of sessions and the number of reporting periods and those numbers are multiplied to provide the total amount for the transition grant.

The next example is a center licensed for 8 infants, 16 preschool and 30 school aged children.

Not offering 3 periods of care. And so in this case, it would only be the infant preschool spaces for which the transition, would only be the infant preschool spaces for which the transition payment would be provided and again. And see the different values that would be calculated to determine the total.

So now we're going to, describe a bit more about the new automated revenue grant payments that will be starting effective April, 28, 2024.

And that will be to provide the revenue grant payment for the reporting period of March 31 to April 27.

And again, this process will use the facility reports. And this means that moving forward to the revenue grant payment will be based on enrollment.

Including days attended and absent days for all children for whom parents are paying fees. And it will be calculated based on space type type of care and enrollment information.

Sorry. Can you go back to the previous slide? Just was ready to move forward. There's already a requirement for all facilities to complete these facility reports through Child Care Online within 30 days of the end of each 28 day reporting period.

So this is not a new requirement to complete this attendance report. However, now in order to receive the revenue granted payment, the facility report will need to have been submitted.

And this is what, how the revenue branch was initially designed was to be based on actual enrollment because it is to make up that difference between the previous parent fees and the current parent fees.

And so it is to be provided for all the situations where you are charging parents fees for childcare. Okay, next slide.

So as the payments for the revenue grant will be based on these facility reports. It is extremely important that you submit your facility reports in a timely manner and that you ensure that they are accurate.

And it needs to include all children that are enrolled. Including subsidized and non-subsidized children and for all the days that are the children are attending and those days that they might to be absent.

The revenue grant payments will be provided at the same time as the child care subsidy program payments. And in addition to the subsidy calculation details the revenue grant calculation details will also be included in the facility payment summary.

That facilities receive following payments.

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Jennifer Faulder

This little flowchart just kind of shows what will be happening over the next period here.

So during the week of March 20 fifth. The transition grant is provided to facilities. And then between April, 28 and May, 20 seventh facilities will submit to their facility reports for the March 31- April, 27 recording period.

2 to 4 weeks after the facility report has been submitted to the revenue branch will be issued. And after that the facility payment summary will be sent to the facility.

And it's really important to that facilities review that facility payment summary and if you find that there is any issues or discrepancies that you bring these forward to CDCsubsidy@gov.mb.ca within two weeks.

So now we're going to go through some frequently asked questions. So a lot of these are included in the circular so you can always go back to that if you want to review this again and of course these webinars are always posted on our website so you can live there again as well.

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Jennifer Faulder

First one. Do you funded facilities need to reconcile or pay back the transition grant in the future?

No, the purpose of the transition grant is to ensure that facilities have sufficient cash flow to pay operating expenses in the upcoming reporting period while waiting for the next payment of the revenue of rent based on the child attendance facility report.

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Nneka Onyenekwa

My facility doesn't receive provincial operating grantfunding. Will we receive the transition grant?

Jennifer Faulder

No, unfunded centers and homes that are unfunded are not eligible for the transition grant or the revenue grant.

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Nneka Onyenekwa

Okay. So will new facilities or existing facilities with an expansion of spaces get the transition grant?

Jennifer Faulder

Yes, to help ensure new sites are not opening with cash flow challenges the transition grant will be provided in the future to newly funded facilities and to existing funding facilities with funded expansion spaces.

Nneka Onyenekwa

So how will automated revenue grant payment amounts be determined beginning in April, 2024?

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Jennifer Faulder

The facility reports process will support automatic payment for the reporting periods of March 31 to April 27 and beyond.

The calculations will be based on enrollment in an eligible funded facility. Yeah, information submitted on the facility report through childcare online.

And again, that'll be based on the space type, the type of care. And the days attended and or absent days. And the revenue grant payment details will be included on the facility payment summary.

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Nneka Onyenekwa

So will facilities receive revenue grant payment for days when children are absent?

Jennifer Faulder

Yes, so the concept of the revenue grant is that if you are charging fees to parents for a space.

Then the you will receive the revenue grant. So if a child is on vacation or is sick or for some other reason is absent, then you would report that as absent on the facility report and you will receive the revenue grant for that child for that day.

So this again applies whether the children for whatever reason the child is absent if you are still considering that child to be enrolled in that space and therefore parents are being charged fees, then you will be paid to directly grant.

So that's why it's very important to include both absent and attended days on the facility reports.

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Nneka Onyenekwa

Okay, so how do I report a child who is enrolled for 4 to 10 hours of an attendant less than 4 hours on some days during the reporting period.

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Jennifer Faulder

So the again the information on the facility report should be based on the child's enrollment. So if a child is normally attending or is enrolled to attend a child care space for 4 to 10 Hours day and therefore you are charging the parent.

For that amount of time, however the child needs to leave early one day and attends less than 4 hours, but still report it as either attended or absent for 4 to 10 hours.

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Nneka Onyenekwa

When will facilities receive revenue grant payments?

Jennifer Faulder

The revenue grant payments will be received approximately 2 to 4 weeks after submitting the facility report at the end of a reporting period.

And this is being done in the same way that subsidy payments are made and so it will also be the same timing.

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Nneka Onyenekwa

Our facility does not have any subsidized children enrolled. Do we need to submit facility reports?

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Jennifer Faulder

Yes, all facilities receiving operating grant funding are required to submit monthly facility reports and that has been the case for a number of years that that has been a requirement and now moving forward.

In order to receive your revenue grant payment, you will need to have submitted your facility report through childcare online.

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Nneka Onyenekwa

So when must facility reports be submitted.

Jennifer Faulder

Facility reports are required to be submitted within 30 days at the end of each 28 day reporting period.

So for example the facility report for the reporting period March 31 to April 27 must be submitted no later than May 27.

We also ask that the facility reports not be completed until after the end of a reporting. Period.

Nneka Onyenekwa

Why is it important to review the facility payment summary and report any discrepancies?

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Jennifer Faulder

So the facility report facility payment summary is sent to the facility providing details of the subsidy and revenue branch calculations, payments, and comments that may require the facility to provide additional information, clarification, and or request of payment adjustment.

So to ensure that any payment adjustments can be processed and issued. Any errors or emissions should be reported to your subsidy advisor within 2 weeks of receiving the facility payment summary and no later than the end of the second reporting period.

Following the one for which the payment was issued.

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Jennifer Faulder

Okay, so, now we have some reminders. There are some facility orientation sessions coming up in late April.

So watch for information that will be up in late April. So watch for information that will be distributed soon in early April regarding these orientation sessions.

At these sessions you can learn more about the child care subsidy program and how to complete a facility report.

These are open to anyone. So whether you are. You know, new to, early learning and child care and, you know, new a new facility or whether you've been in the sector for a long time but feel like a refresher might be helpful.

Everyone is welcome to participate in these orientation sessions. And please help to support the department, with our outreach by keeping the board of director information up to date on childcare online so if you can please ensure that we have the correct contact information that would be greatly appreciated.

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Jennifer Faulder

And then we have contacts and resources, so just. If you are not already on childcare online, there's a link to register for user name and password.

If you are not already set up for direct deposit, then you can email ELCCfinance@gov.mb.ca to learn how to get set up for that.

And certainly anyone who is set up for that. And certainly anyone who is set up for that. And certainly anyone who is set up for direct deposit will receive payments.

Certainly anyone who is set up for direct deposit will receive payments more quickly than any one who is not set up for direct deposit will receive payments more quickly than any one who is not.

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Jennifer Faulder

So it is strongly recommended that you are set up for direct deposit will receive payments more quickly than any one who is not. So it is strongly recommended that you are set up for direct deposit.

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Jennifer Faulder

If you have any questions following the webinar, please don't hesitate to email the CDC info email box.

And if you provide a subject line transition grant that will help us to ensure we direct the questions to the right place.

And, once you've received your transition grant payment and have reviewed the financial statement, if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact ELCC Finance.

And then there's even more contact information. And so if this is true, you can always just email CDCinfo@gov.mb.ca

If you don't want to have to remember all these different emails for different specific areas. But you can also refer to this, to maybe more quickly get to the right place.

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Jennifer Faulder

Okay, so I think we have some folks who have been frantically trying to keep up with the questions that have been coming in on the chat. And feel free to keep entering questions as we go and we'll do our best to answer as many as we can.

25:16

Jessica Brosch

We have a question from Carla. And she is asking if nursery schools licensed for 20 spaces, but they run both morning and afternoon. So that would be the 10 sessions, 5 days a week. Would they get the funds for the 40 spaces or just the 20 license spaces for nursery.

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Jennifer Faulder

It will be based on the number of sessions for nursery.

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Jessica Brosch

Thank you. And we have a question from Alfa. If there is 2 infants sharing one spot and both are enrolled for 5 hours day, how would that work before?

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Jennifer Faulder

So for the transition grant, the transition grant payment will be based on the number of licensed spaces in a funded facility. So if it is one licensed space that has 2 children occupying it. It would be provided for the one licensed space for the revenue grant moving forward it will be based on enrollment so if you have 2 children who are enrolled for 4 to 10 h per day in one space.

The revenue branch would be paid for both of those children.

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Jessica Brosch

We have a couple of questions from Melanie. Will overpayments given already be I guess washed from payments we received in past months without having those spaces full.

Nneka Onyenkwu

Yeah. So I'm assuming. Comparing the 2 basis.

That's the transition from payment based on license spaces to actual enrollment. So all payments that were based on license spaces in the past are not considered over payment since those were the number of license spaces.

The future it will be based on enrollment and the exact payment will be made.

Jessica Brosch

Yeah, so if they received an overpayment, the parent fee supplement prior to the transition grant...

Jennifer Faulder

There would be no, it's not considered. If they feel like an overpayment would be if they only have 20 licensed spaces and we paid you for 40 spaces.

That would be an overpayment that we would appreciate you reaching out to the ELCCFinance@gov.mb.ca, tell us about. But if you. Had only 16 children enrolled in your 20 licensed spaces and we paid you for 20.

Spaces that is not an overpayment and you do not need to do anything about that. Thank you.

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Jessica Brosch

And Melanie's other question was if the school age fees changes to \$10 a day for in services.

And holidays will the same prepayment system be in place.

Jennifer Faulder

So as of right now, the only, the \$10 a day is only applicable for the 3 periods per day for school age spaces.

And the government has committed to moving to \$10 a day for inservice and school holidays for school age, but that has not yet been implemented and we will be able to answer questions

about how that implementation will work once we have a decision about when and how that is being implemented.

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Jessica Brosch

Thank you. We've had a request if we could show the payment slide again. From the slide deck if we can show that.

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Jennifer Faulder

There we go. Thank you. We can leave that up for a little while.

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Jessica Brosch

Yeah, we have some questions from Gentinder and Crystal-Lynn. So if the trial is on vacation for 30 days. How does that work for funding? For funded programs.

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Jennifer Faulder

So the, Reduced Fantasy Revenue Grant is provided based on enrollment.

So if the child, if it is a non-subsidized child. Who is on vacation for 30 days and you are charging parents parent fees for all of those days.

Then you would record on the, facility reports that the child is absent and you would receive the reduced parent free grant.

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Jessica Brosch

Tanya asked for nursery schools that are closed in the summero they need to submit over those?

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Jennifer Faulder

That's a good question that I don't know the answer to. If a nursery school is closed over the summer months, do they still need to submit a facility report?

For those reporting periods. And the answer is yes. Or was somebody shaking? What is the answer to that one?

Not a hundred percent sure.

Carla Kernested

And quite often a billing, a reporting period runs over and open in the closure.

Period too because they're never perfectly. July and August. Oh, sorry. I forgot to introduce myself.

Carla Kernested, senior policy analyst.

Jessica Brosch

Thank you. So we have a question from Janice asking with the differences between transition grant and operating grant?

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Jennifer Faulder

So the operating grant is ongoing, payment that is for funded facilities and is paid on a quarterly basis and is paid on a quarterly basis and is paid on a quarterly basis throughout the year.

The transition grant is a one-time payment. That is meant to bridge the facility through this transition.

Hence the name transition grant. So we are moving from providing the reduced parent fee revenue grant. From prior to a reporting period to providing it after the reporting period.

So we are providing a grant that will help to bridge the cash flow. From the prepayment to a post payment.

Whereas the operating grant is something that is ongoing.

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Jessica Brosch

Okay, thank you. We have a question from Charlotte. Will we receive payments for absent days for children or if they are absent, do we not get their \$10 a day?

Or is it only if they exceed their absentees?

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Jennifer Faulder

So there, is a difference between, like there are specific attendance policies related to subsidized children.

For non-subsidized children, the reduced parentry revenue grant is provided for all days for which you are charging parents fees.

The purpose of the reduced parentee revenue grant is to make up the difference between the old fees. And the new fees.

So anytime that you are charging parent fees, you receive the reduced parent fee revenue grant. So if child is absent.

And you are charging parents for those absent days, then you would record it as absent on the facility report and you would receive the reduced parent fee revenue grant.

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The attendance policy requirements of subsidy. Still apply. I don't have that in front of me to know the specific details of what the attendance policy requirements are, but that would apply.

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Jessica Brosch

Thank you. We have a question in French. So I'll just read it out. [Not picked up by Transcribed]

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Nneka Onyenekwu

So. And the facility is thinking about closing for a couple of weeks in summer. Would you still receive some payments from the government?

[Not picked up by Transcribed]

That means that if you are closed then chances are that no children will be enrolled during the same period. And if you're not collecting fees from parents, then the government will not pay for the same period.

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Carla Kernested

And in addition, you're not allowed to charge parent fees if you're not providing child care except on recognized holidays and professional development.

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Jessica Brosch

Thank you. There's some questions from Sandra and Kareen. So one is that can these funds be used to help cover wages and is there any particular tracking required to show that we use the transition, what we use the transition grant.

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Jennifer Faulder

There is no requirement to report on how you use the transition grant. The purpose of the grant is to help cover operating expenses that would include wages and however it's just important to really keep in mind that this is a one-time payment so there will not be for the existing spaces that you are receiving the transition grant for next week.

You will not ever receive the transition grant again for those spaces. So this is really to help bridge from receiving the payment in advance to receiving it.

After the reporting period. And so you'll need to ensure that you are managing your cash flow in a way that you continue to be able moving forward to have the appropriate cash flow based on receiving the reduced parent free revenue grant after the relevant reporting period.

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Jessica Brosch

Alright, Jamie asked what month you'd like them to recognize this grant, March or April, so which fiscal year is the government recognizing?

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Jennifer Faulder

I would turn to Nneka, I don't deal with that.

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Nneka Onyenekwu

So the government is recognizing it in this current fiscal year. But it will be up to the facility to determine when exactly the record recognize the revenue. So as we may know. The

government's fiscal year does not always coincide with that of the facilities. So if this payment comes in late March and You would record it and that's same fiscal year for you.

And then it can be treated as a working capital because while it's an expense to us, if you hold it as a working capital in your books, then you know to always reserve that amount so that it can always serve as a buffer.

If it's expensed, I believe that is plausible, but it will just mean then that you know you don't have that buffer and if you run into cash flow problems down the line then Yeah, you may have little recourse.

So it's our recommendation that some working capital is kept in your books, but this is not to be accounted for back to the government.

Hey, but really. So, yeah. Thank you.

Jessica Brosch

Temto asked if a parent decides to withdraw their child without notice. Or at least 5 days notice into a new reporting period. Well, the reduced parent fee grant be paid for that spot. So how does that work for the provider? So if a parent withdraws or child without 5 days notice into a new reporting period. Will the reduced parent revenue fee grant to be paid for that spot? Is it not the center or the provider? Depending who withdraws a child to a.

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Jennifer Faulder

So, that's a good question. And what I believe and I will look to others here to verify what I'm saying is accurate.

Is that facilities would have policies regarding notice periods that are required for withdrawing a child i believe that most often facilities invoice parents in advance of a reporting period for partially this type of circumstance so that you do have some notice.

Prior to withdrawal and so even if the child is withdrawn that you would still maybe collect parent fees for a portion of that reporting period and so we would still provide the reduced parentee revenue grant for that period of time, whether or not we have a specific restriction The amount of time.

Carla Kernsted

If the child is subsidized, we won't. And can't pay for a child at 2 different facilities of a child. Withdraws from you without proper notice and move somewhere else. And they're reported, but that that is around subsidized children.

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Nneka Onyenkwu

I think what they're trying to clarify is if for example the facility has 10 days worth of notice fees for example and the child. It draws with only 5 days notice. So that means they have the fees for 5 days extra, but the child will not be attending. For that those 5 days would they be able to collect the full reduced parent fee revenue grant from us even though the child is a road but did not attend technically. Each other's enrollment.

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Carla Kernsted

But I would strongly recommend that you have retain 2 weeks of fees so if they do not give you proper notice as required under your policy. You already have those 2 weeks of fees for the notice period.

Jessica Brosch

Thanks. We have a couple questions from Brenda and Kerry. So if the guaranteed space goes unused for a time period one day to 20 days. For example, will the system still generate? The payment for that spot.

Jennifer Faulder

So that was specific to a guaranteed space?

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Jessica Brosch

Mmm. Yeah, it says guaranteed space, so it sounds like that' Part of the question. Okay, so it's if it's a guaranteed space if it's a guaranteed space and it goes unused for a period of time, one or 20 days. Will the system still generate the payment For that space?

Carla Kernsted

It will depend on your agreement. This is Carly again. It will depend on your agreement with us around your guaranteed spaces. And there is some variability, so I think it would be best to. Provide specific information. So that we can follow up on that.

41:08

Jessica Brosch

Thank you. So we have a couple questions surrounding wages from Sandra and Tracy. Can these funds be used to help with raises or staff bonuses?

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Jennifer Faulder

So the transition grant, can be used for any purpose related to covering operating expenses. And again, just remembering that it is a one-time payment. So. There might be challenges with. Using the money to implement long-term staff raises for which those expenses would be ongoing into the future and this is a one time payment that will not be received again.

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Jessica Brosch

Thank you. Janice asked if someone is paying parent fees to hold the space for let's say 6 months. Will the piece still be covered?

Jennifer Faulder

If the child is not enrolled, then you will not receive the reduced parent fee revenue grant.

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Jessica Brosch

Wendy asked, if this can be downloaded or how they can go back to the document that was present today. Slide deck or the webinar.

Jennifer Faulder

Yeah, the webinar will be posted on our website. There is a page where we have all of our webinars as well as all of the circulars are on that same page on website.

42:39

Jessica Brosch

Okay, and another question from Donna. Will centers be required to apply for this transition grant?

Jennifer Faulder

Nope, everyone, every funded facility will receive the transition grant next week.

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Jessica Brosch

Thank you. And Deborah asks, what period and date is the transition grant based on?

Jennifer Faulder

So it is, was calculated based on your current number of licensed spaces in funded facilities.

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Nneka Onyenkwu

Yeah, so to add to that in the description for the payments you will see March 20, 2024. So it doesn't represent the period March, 2020. That's just when the payment went out and that is bearing in mind that other or subsequent payments can happen when expansion spaces are created in each facility. So March 2024 represents the time when the grant was issued.

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Jessica Brosch

Jen asked if the grant is here to stay as long as the \$10 a day is in effect or is the is a temporary.

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Jennifer Faulder

So the transition grant is a one-time grant that will be issued next week and then will only be issued in future. To new spaces, and again, it will be a one-time grant. To help cover expenses from. The prior to a reporting period to after a reporting period. The reduced parent fee revenue grant is a ongoing grant payment that is provided to Provide facilities with the difference between the old fees and the new fees and that is ongoing.

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Jessica Brosch

Okay, thank you. And see, we don't have the first name for the question, but currently the payment receipts are mailed out, will they come by email instead?

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Nneka Onyenekwu

Payment receipts. Do they mean? Checks or

Jessica Brosch

It's not specific.

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Nneka Onyenekwu

Okay, so I can, I can describe our current process. So for all, facilities that are set up for direct deposit. They get emails from when the payment run is done from SAPs automated and then some business days later we email statements that show a breakdown of how we arrived at the amounts. We will do the same for the transition grants. So the payments go out as from tomorrow. You should be getting emails as well tomorrow. And the actual deposits will happen in the bank accounts as for next week. So for those that are not set up for direct directive deposits, they should get checks, which would be issued as from tomorrow and will come in the mail. So there's currently no documentation that we send via mail right now apart from the checks for those that are not set up. For directive deposit.

Carla Kernsted

If that's coming out of childcare line, it's Carla here again. If it's coming out of childcare online, it could be your correspondence indicator that you have requests mail it sounding like to me it might be about the facility payment summary? From what she said perhaps and if it's coming by mail you can talk to your coordinator about changing your correspondence indicator and you will begin to get things by email.

46:13

Jessica Brosch

Thank you. Raquel asked will a center received the grant for infants if they are if they turn 2 and waiting in the infant programme still waiting for a preschool space.

46:29

Jennifer Faulder

So the reduced parent fee revenue grant will be paid based on the how the child is enrolled and therefore how they are reported on the facility report. So if you have an exemption like a, an age exemption, you would. Reports the child based on how they are enrolled, whether that is by an exemption or based on their current age.

47:02

Jessica Brosch

Thank you. Rosalind asked, how will a facility be paid if one enrolled child takes 2 spaces under the ISP program?

47:13

Jennifer Faulder

Sorry, can you repeat that?

Jessica Brosch

So if a child is enrolled in the ISP program in the 2 for one program. How will that be paid?

Carla Kernested

So, in the family child care home where there is, you hold a space open. For and we pay for that through subsidy. It will be similar to how it's been paid through subsidy.

47:36

Jessica Brosch

Thank you. Marie asked for license centers. How much is it per school age child?

47:51

Carla Kernested

30 cents Offer 3 periods a day. Yeah, and there is no revenue grant payment for other School age.

Jessica Brosch

Thank you. Crystal and asked how about a schoolage child who attends once every month?

48:14

Jennifer Faulder

If it's 3 periods per day and then you would report there. Attendance as one day. For that 3 periods per day and you would receive the 30 cents.

48:28

Jessica Brosch

Thank you. Sir, we are expecting new spaces after getting license for a new school age room. So when can they apply for that?

48:41

Jennifer Faulder

You can, you should contact the coordinator and work with your coordinator, to confirm the process for applying for funding.

48:56

Jessica Brosch

Jen asks, what is the difference between an enrolled child and a child that is paying to have a spot but not yet attending?

49:05

Jennifer Faulder

If you are not, allowing the child to attend because you do not have a space available for them, then they are not enrolled. They are on a wait list.

49:18

Jessica Brosch

Thank you. This is going to be our last question. From Lin, if we have a child enrolled. But is not bringing their child but pays for their spot and we mark them absent. Do we get fees for that?

49:37

Jennifer Faulder

If the, if you are charging a parent fees, then we will provide the reduced parent fee revenue grant under the understanding that you have a policy around attendance and that you would not hold a space vacant for a child who was not attending for an indefinite period.

50:07

Jessica Brosch

Thank you.

50:11

Jennifer Faulder

Okay, so there might be further questions in the chat. We will take all of that down and be you know doing our best to ensure that we're answering your questions and certainly do continue to reach out.

And if you have questions that weren't answered today, especially if there's very unique specific circumstances to your facility. So thank you everybody.

50:38

Jason Booth

Thanks, very much, Jennifer. And again, if you have questions following today's webinar, you can email them to CDCinfo@gov.mb.ca with the subject line transition grant. We will also be hosting another webinar on this topic later this evening. Getting at 6 p.M. If you're interested or if you have colleagues who were not able to attend this afternoon. We'd like to thank all of our presenters here and thank you for joining us this afternoon for this important topic. Have a Great afternoon