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To: Program Managers

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The purpose of this circular is to provide information about the upcoming:

- 1) Rate change for cases in private rent and cases receiving the Rent Assist supplement. Annual increases to Rent Assist rates will take place for the July benefit month to keep maximum benefits aligned with 77 per cent of Median Market Rent.
- 2) Rate change to increase basic needs benefits for eligible adult participants of Manitoba Supports for Persons with Disabilities (Manitoba Supports). Annual increases to the basic needs rates will take place for the July benefit month to keep maximum benefits aligned with inflation. This increase is applicable to the portion of the household's basic needs allotted for eligible adults with severe and prolonged disabilities.

1. Mass Rate Change – Rent Assist

A mass rate change will take place to update cases currently receiving Rent Assist. Rates will increase for all other household types in private rent, board and room and for homeowners.

- For clients in private rent, both the "excluding utilities" and "including utilities" rates will increase.
- Homeowners will see an increase in their supplement amount
- Board and Room clients will see an increase to their supplement amount of \$5.00

Please note that despite the increases to the rates mentioned above, recipients in approved excess situations may **not** see a net increase to their shelter benefits. There will not be an increase to any of the subsidized rates and the subsidized rate structure will remain the same.

2. Mass Rate Change – Manitoba Supports Basic Needs

A rate change will occur to increase basic needs benefits for **eligible adult participants** of Manitoba Supports for Persons with Disabilities (Manitoba Supports). It should be noted that basic needs amounts allocated for household members who would otherwise not be eligible for Manitoba Supports (i.e.: who are under age 18 or do not have a severe and prolonged disability) will not be increased. Spouses of eligible Manitoba Supports recipients who do not have severe and prolonged disabilities will receive benefits that mirror EIA rates for those with comparable categorical eligibility, in order to ensure equitable supports for all Manitobans.