



Niagara Regional Housing

Notice

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SUBJECT: New Child Care Benefit Program Payments Excluded from Income – Amendment to Social Housing Reform Act 2000, O. Reg. 298/01

BACKGROUND

The Province has filed a new regulation (Ontario Regulation 424/2006) amending O. Reg. 298/01. The amendment excludes payments made under the Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB) Act from household income for the purpose of calculating rent-geared-to-income in section 50 of O. Reg. 298/01.

The child care benefit is a new federal initiative that provides direct financial assistance to parents on behalf of children under the age of six. The benefit is paid in installments of \$100 per month per child (up to \$1,200 per year). The UCCB payments are made on or about the 20th of each month starting July 2006.

Implementation:

In July 2006, the Government of Ontario announced that the UCCB payment should not be considered as income for provincial income-tested programs including rent-geared-to-income assistance. The UCCB payment is included on the list of exclusions to income. Further information on the UCCB can be found at: www.universalchildcare.ca.

Service Manager’s Role

Niagara Regional Housing will review provider compliance with this policy during the operational review process and review of the rent-geared-to-income household files.

Housing Provider’s Role

Housing providers are to exclude UCCB payments from income in the calculation of households’ rent-geared-to-income payment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice, please contact your Housing Administrator at (905) 682-9201.

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