

# Starting a Job – Persons with Disabilities

EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME ASSISTANCE (EIA)

## When you start a job, it is important to tell your Employment and Income Assistance worker about the job, including:

- start date;
- hours;
- location;
- pay and;
- need for child care.

After you get your last work paycheque of the month, you must report your income on an Income Declaration Form.

Your work income will not affect the amount of your income assistance, up to a certain amount. If you earn more than that maximum amount, your income assistance for the next month may be affected. Your income will always be higher if you work than if you do not work.

If you live in Winnipeg, see the *Telephone Income Reporting in Winnipeg for Persons with Disabilities* information sheet to learn how to report income by telephone, or ask your worker.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED

### QUESTIONS

#### HAVING A JOB MEANS I HAVE TO PAY FOR WORK CLOTHES, TRANSPORTATION AND CHILD CARE. DOES EIA HELP COVER THESE COSTS?

**Work clothing** – EIA will add an extra \$23.90 to your budget if you work more than 10 days or 80 hours per month, and \$11.95 if you work less than that.

**Transportation** – EIA pays for the cost of a full monthly bus pass if you work 10 days or more per month and half the cost of a monthly bus pass

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if you work less than that.

If public transportation is not available, talk to your worker about your transportation needs.

**Child care** – EIA will help you pay for child care but you must pay the first \$1.40 per day per child and hand in receipts which show the number of days of care and cost per day. EIA will provide you with any remaining child care costs, up to \$1 per day, per child, in an approved child care setting. You must first try to get subsidized child care, but if private child care is your only choice, you must talk to your worker for approval.

### WHY HAVE MY CHEQUES STOPPED?

When your work pay is high enough to cover your living costs, you will no longer get assistance cheques. You should continue to report your income, as you may still be able to use your health card.

### CAN I STILL KEEP MY HEALTH CARD IF MY WORK PAY COVERS MY LIVING COSTS?

You may be able to keep your health card for one full year to help with your medical costs, if your income is within a certain amount. Please talk to your worker to find out if your income is within the approved amount. You must continue to complete your income declaration forms for two months after your cheques stop.

### WHAT IF I NEED HELP COVERING MY LIVING COSTS AGAIN?

If you leave your job, or are not earning enough money to cover your living costs, or have an unexpected medical expense, call your last EIA worker. If your medical review date has not expired, you will not need another medical assessment to re-enroll. If you qualify for EIA, your worker will ensure that you are re-enrolled as quickly as possible.

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