

CIRCULAR

Date: March 24, 2022

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To: Community Living disABILITY Services shift-staffed residential service providers, Child and Family Services group care/community care providers, and homeless shelters

Subject: Pandemic Staffing Support Benefit

Type: Policy

Procedure

Effective Date: Immediately

Since November 2020, the Pandemic Staffing Support Benefit has provided assistance to organizations for their additional staffing costs that cannot be accommodated from within their existing revenue / resources as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. **It has provided assistance in offsetting costs for overtime, sick time, staff replacement, recruitment and travel support, and, for the period of December 1, 2021 through February 15, 2022 only, contact tracing and notification.**

Please note that the Pandemic Staffing Support Benefit will be available for costs incurred up to and including March 31, 2022, at which time the funding program will end. All applications must be received by the Department of Families no later than April 22, 2022.

Eligibility & Application

Non-profit Community Living disABILITY Services shift-staffed residential service providers, Child and Family Service agency and/or community care provider operated group homes, and **homeless shelters** funded by the Department of Families are able to apply for this benefit. **Homeless shelters may apply for funding related to costs incurred between January 1 and March 31, 2022.**

More information about the Pandemic Staffing Support Benefit, including eligibility criteria and the application form, is posted online at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/pandemic-staffing-support-benefit.html>.