

Reasons for Decision:

Order # AP2021-0048

On <date removed>, <name removed> filed an appeal of the Director's decision to deny their ongoing eligibility for the rewarding work health benefit plan. The date of the decision was <date removed>.

The decision letter sent to <name removed> stated the reason for the denial was that they have received the rewarding work health benefit plan for a period of 24 months.

<name removed> told the Board that they receives income from their disability pension, employment, and a tenant. <name removed> indicated that as a result of the high cost of home ownership, they are left with little money for food and other necessities.

<name removed> stated that their prescriptions cost approximately <amount removed> each month, and requested that the Department continue to provide them the rewarding work health plan for this expense.

The Department stated that <name removed>'s income from all sources greatly exceeds their assistance budget. <name removed> received the rewarding work health plan for a period of 24 months. During this time period, <name removed> was to make arrangements to cover the cost of their medical expenses and receive Pharmacare.

In response to a question from the Board, the Department indicated that <name removed> no longer qualified for the rewarding health plan after <date removed>. The appellant however received an additional month of prescription coverage from the plan in <month removed>.

In response to questions from the Board, <name removed> stated they transferred their prescriptions to a larger Pharmacy as the cost was lower than what was offered by the local pharmacist. <name removed> indicated they were unable to get a lower price at the local pharmacy.

The Board notes The Manitoba Assistance Regulation, Section 10.5(1), outlines that after a recipient stops receiving income assistance, transitional health benefits are to be provided for a period of 24 months.

Based on the information presented to it, the Board is satisfied that <name removed> received the rewarding work health plan for the legislated eligibility period. As such, the Board determines the Department has assessed <name

removed>'s assistance file according to the legislation and regulations, and confirms the Director's decision to deny <name removed> ongoing eligibility for the rewarding work health benefit plan.

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