

Reasons for Decision:

Order #AP2021-0163

On <date removed>, <name removed> filed an appeal of the Director's decision to deny their application for a child care subsidy under *The Manitoba Community Child Care Standards Act*. The decision was communicated by letter dated <date removed>.

<name removed> told the Board that when they previously received the subsidy, the appellant's spouse was employed through <text removed>.

When they re-applied for the subsidy in 2020, the appellant's spouse was employed directly by the <text removed>. The Department assessed their pay stubs as well as those of their spouse, and they were denied the subsidy.

<name removed> indicated that the level of their family's income had not changed between the two applications.

<name removed> described their family's financial circumstances, which include tuition and other household expenses.

The Department indicated that when <name removed> applied for the subsidy in July 2020, they provided pay stubs for both them self and their spouse. Based on this information, the Department calculated that the family contribution rate was <amount removed>. In order to qualify for a subsidy amount, <name removed>'s family contribution rate would need to be less than the actual cost of care, which was <amount removed>.

The increase in <name removed>'s family contribution rate from their previous application was due to them receiving income from summer employment and their spouse's income increasing from <amount removed> to <amount removed> bi-weekly.

The Board notes that the family income used to determine <name removed>'s eligibility was clearly established by way of the payroll information provided to the Department. No information was presented to the Board that would suggest that the Department erred in the calculation used to assess <name removed> eligibility.

After careful consideration of the written and verbal evidence submitted to it, the Board determines that the Department assessed <name removed>' application correctly according to the legislation and regulations. The Board confirms the Director's decision to deny <name removed> the child care subsidy.

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