

Re: Increase in Rates for Personal Care, Intermediate Care,  
Private Hospital, Comforts Allowance and Social Allowance

Following is a report from the Human Resources Administrator regarding rate increases for the subject types of social assistance.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the rates noted in the Administrator's report be adopted effective June 1, 1974.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR

RE: Increase in Rates--Personal Care, Intermediate Care, Private Hospital,  
Comforts Allowance, and Social Allowance

I attach a copy of the provincial government's circular approving a rate increase in Personal Care, Intermediate Care, Private Hospital, Comforts Allowance, and Social Allowance.

In the letter you will note the use of new terminology, and we will attempt to relate them to the former names. Personal Care would seem to be similar to the former Boarding Home and Rest Home Care. Intermediate Care would relate to what was formerly Special Care, and there is no change in the terminology for Private Hospital. The former Boarding Home Care ranged from \$172.00 to \$195.00 per month, and the former Rest Home Care was from \$196.00 to \$219.25 per month, depending on the type of patient and the service rendered.

Intermediate Care would relate to what was previously referred to as Special Care and you will note the description of the service from the attached circular letter. The former rate for this service was \$222.00 to \$245.25, again depending on the amount of care.

The new rates, therefore, are: Personal Care--between \$225.00 and \$250.00 per month, Intermediate Care--between \$250.00 and \$400.00 per month, and Private Hospital--\$525.00 per month or \$17.26 per day for a period of less than 30 days (formerly \$401.75 per mo. or \$13.40 per day).

In all of these cases, if the recipient is in receipt of Mincome, the Mincome payment is credited to the Care.

The maximum Comforts Allowance for persons in all institutions has been \$18.25. It is now increased to \$25.00.

It is proposed that the increase for the above items be effective June 1, 1974.

The Social Allowance rates are increased by \$20.00 per family for all family unit sizes, from Single to Group 10. The Social Allowance increase is effective July 1, 1974.

I would recommend approval of the new rate structure.

C. C. MacKENZIE  
Administrator

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Attachment

May 31st, 1974

Serial Letter No. 541 - 445

CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL MUNICIPALITIES AND OFFICIALS  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

*This Serial Letter replaces Serial Letters 529 - 433 and 530 - 434, dated December 3rd, 1973, which are now withdrawn. Please remove and destroy Serial Letters 529 - 433 and 530 - 434 from your Serial Letter Book. This Serial Letter also amends Serial Letter 509 - 414 dated June 5th, 1973, Items 1 and 5. Please note marginally in Serial Letter 509 - 414 that Sections 1 and 5 have been amended and also list this Serial Letter in the index page.*

The Honourable Norman Levi, Minister of Human Resources, has authorized the following rate increases:

1. June 1, 1974. Adult Care Rates will be as follows:
  - a) Personal Care rates including Mincome will range between \$225 and \$250 per month.
  - b) Intermediate Care rates including Mincome will range between \$250 and \$400 per month.
  - c) Private Hospital rates including Mincome will be \$525 per month, or \$17.26 per day for any period less than 30 days in the calendar month in which Private Hospital care is provided.

Personal Care is defined as that level of care in which the primary needs of persons utilizing Personal Care facilities are for room and board, limited day supervision, a supportive environment, assistance with some of the activities of daily living and a planned programme of social and recreational activities.

Intermediate Care is defined as that level of care in which the primary needs of persons utilizing Intermediate Care facilities are for room and board, daily professional nursing supervision and/or psychiatric supervision, assistance with some of the activities of daily living, and a planned programme of social and recreational activities.

2. July 1, 1974. Comforts Allowances in all institutions will be up to a maximum of \$25. The actual amount will be on the basis of need and accumulated comforts allowances will not exceed \$100 unless the supervisor authorizes additional accumulation to meet a specific need considered essential for the client's well being.

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3. July 1, 1974. Social Assistance Allowances will be as follows:

<u>FAMILY UNIT SIZE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>SHELTER</u>	<u>BASIC MAXIMUM</u>
1	\$ 85	\$ 75	\$160
2	150	120	270
3	185	135	320
4	220	150	370
5	260	160	420
6	295	170	465
7	325	180	505
8	355	190	545
9	385	200	585
10	415	210	625

The maximum that may be granted is Unit 10.

4. Accounting Procedures for Social Allowance Rate Increases.

The Social Assistance rate is increased by \$20 per month and this sum is assigned completely to the "SUPPORT" column rather than "SHELTER".

Rental overages presently paid will remain unaffected.

Those Social Allowance cheques prepared for the month of July, 1974, on the computer system will be increased automatically by \$20.

Early in June, offices will receive a computer printout showing the amount that will be in pay for the month of July. PLEASE HOLD ALL H.R. 14 CHANGE NOTICE FORMS UNTIL PRINTOUT RECEIVED.

5. Child in the Home of a Relative.

The Social Assistance rate paid on behalf of children with a relative may be paid up to the amount equal to the total support column of the Basic Social Assistance Rate Schedule.

It is anticipated that there will be special situations where, for various reasons, a higher allowance will be required. If an increased rate will be a major factor in retaining a child within his family group, and/or preventing apprehension, the Regional Director or such officials as he may designate, have authority to grant an increased rate on a basis of need.

J. A. SADLER  
 Deputy Minister &  
 Director of Human Resources

Purpose: New Policy

Filing Instructions: Serial Letter Book - Social Allowance

Office Responsible for Questions Arising from this Release:

Items 1 & 2 - Director of Special Care - Adults  
 Items 3, 4 & 5 - Income Security Division