



Dear Parent:  
Re: Child's Name

Our records indicate that your son/daughter is in receipt of Ministry of Children and Family Development's (MCFD) At Home Program Medical Benefits and is nearing his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. This letter is to inform you that the At Home Program Medical Benefits will cease on the last day of the month of your son/daughter's 18th birthday. The At Home Program - Respite Benefits may continue until age 19.

After the age of 18, disability assistance and supplementary health assistance may be available to your son/daughter through the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). Application for disability assistance can be made online at the following address: [www.iaselfserve.gov.bc.ca](http://www.iaselfserve.gov.bc.ca). Once an application has been made, a package will be mailed to you by MSD explaining the process, including information and documentation required to determine eligibility for disability assistance and the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) designation.

If you would like to share your medical and functional assessments between the two Ministries please sign the consent form which will be provided in the package described above and return that form to MSD. This will simplify the PWD eligibility process if the information from your At Home Program Medical Benefits file is sufficient to meet the medical eligibility criteria for the designation.

Please note that premium-free Medical Services Plan (MSP) coverage and PharmaCare benefits through the At Home Program will also be cancelled on the last day of the month of your son or daughter's 18th birthday. Please contact Health Insurance BC if you wish to reinstate your son or daughter as a dependant on your MSP coverage. If you apply and are approved for disability assistance, you will receive coverage through MSD.

If you have any questions, please call At Home Program Medical Benefits at the numbers listed below. An Information Sheet is also enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

Manager, Medical Benefits Program  
Ministry of Children and Family Development