



December 02, 2019

Dear :

This letter is to inform you of changes to your disability assistance case.

You have reached the Annual Earnings Exemption (AEE) limit for this year. While you will no longer receive disability assistance payments, you will continue to receive Medical Services Only (MSO) coverage and the transportation supplement.

You will also keep your Persons with Disabilities (PWD) designation.

Health Support

MSO coverage includes Medical Services Plan (MSP) and PharmaCare prescription coverage, and access to other extended health benefits such as dental and optical coverage, medical equipment and supplies. If you currently have the tube feed supplement, this will still be available to you.

You will continue to be eligible for MSO coverage as long as you live in British Columbia and meet the eligibility criteria:

- meet the income test for MSP Supplemental Services (if anyone in the family unit is under 65); **or**
- receiving a qualifying federal benefit (if everyone in the family unit is over 65); **or**
- receiving MSO as a result of receiving financial assistance through the Agreements with a Young Adult (AYA) program.

If you move out of the province, you must re-apply for MSO if you return.

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Transportation Supplement

You will continue to receive the transportation supplement until next February as either a bus pass or \$52 per month, whichever you choose.

Next Steps

The AEE limit is reset for March each year.

If you continue to submit your Monthly Reports before the 5th of each month, you will **automatically** get your March disability assistance payments again at the end of February, or earlier if your income falls below the established rate for your family unit. You can submit your Monthly Report online through www.myselfserve.gov.bc.ca, by mail or in person.

If you do **not** submit Monthly Report, your assistance payments will **not** start automatically. You will need to contact the ministry to be re-assessed if you require assistance in the future. We recommend you contact the ministry in February to set up an appointment for the assessment for March benefits.

Contact us online through www.myselfserve.gov.bc.ca or toll-free at 1-866-866-0800 if:

- Your family situation changes
- Your address changes
- You have any concerns or questions about your assistance
- The information in this letter does not match your records

More information on earnings exemptions can be found on the ministry website at: www.gov.bc.ca/AnnualEarningsExemption.

You have the right to request a reconsideration of this decision. To request reconsideration about reaching your AEE limit, complete and submit a Request for Reconsideration form to a ministry or government agent's office within 20 business days from the date you receive this letter. You can get the form, and all information that we considered to make this decision, by calling us at 1-866-866-0800.

Sincerely,

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