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Dear caregiver:

Family caregivers fulfill a vital role in our province by providing nurturing and stable environments for vulnerable children and youth. The Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) recognizes these are challenging times and is committed to supporting caregivers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you may have heard on March 18, 2020, as part of the [COVID-19 Economic Response Plan](#), the federal government will be providing a temporary increase through the Federal Enhanced Canada Child Benefit to support Canadians. For the 2019-20 benefit year, the maximum annual Canada Child Benefit (CCB) payment amounts will increase by \$300 per child. This means eligible families will receive an extra \$300 per child as part of their May payment.

The ministry receives the CCB on behalf of all children and youth in care, as well as those under most out-of-care arrangements. Given the federal government's temporary increase through the Federal Enhanced Canada Child benefit, the maintenance rate for children and youth will be increased for the month of May. Specifically, the increase will be provided for children and youth being cared for through a family care home agreement or out-of-care care agreement with MCFD and Delegated Aboriginal Agencies.

The ministry is updating the systems to ensure your May payment is increased. We want to extend our gratitude for everything you do as caregivers to support children and youth across the province. If you need additional supports during this time, please connect with your social worker.

Sincerely,

Allison Bond
Deputy Minister for Children and Family Development