



Memorandum

Ministry of Health
Health Services Policy and Quality
Assurance Division
Integrated Primary & Community Care

Cliff #1023307

To: Assisted Living Service Providers

Re: Proposed increase to BC Hydro surcharge

This is to inform you that the Ministry of Health has been notified of an increase to the hydro surcharge levied on subsidized assisted living units.

In response to rising electricity costs, the hydro surcharge for subsidized assisted living residents will be increasing from \$15 per month to \$18 per month effective January 1, 2015.

This is the first increase to the hydro surcharge since it was introduced in 2007. According to BC Housing, the decision to increase the surcharge comes as a result of several years of rising hydro costs; combined with BC Hydro's November 2013 announcement of increases to residential electric power rates over the next five years.

The Ministry of Health is aware of the increase to the hydro surcharge and it will have included it in the January 1, 2015 rate setting information sent to health authorities. As a result, existing tenants will be advised of the new rate as part of their annual rate setting letter issued in October 2014.

For further information on the hydro surcharges, please see the attached BC Housing Q and A document.



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