

# HCCEG Questions and Answers for Home Child Care Providers

## General Information

### **Q What is the Home Child Care Enhancement Grant (HCCEG)?**

**A** The HCCEG is an initiative by the Province to support a wage increase in the licensed child care sector, of up to \$20 a day for licensed home child care providers.

### **Q How do I apply for the HCCEG?**

**A** The agency you are contracted with is responsible for applying on your behalf. You do not need to apply.

### **Q How do I know if I am eligible for the HCCEG?**

**A** To be eligible for the HCCEG, home child care providers must:

- Hold a contract with a licensed home child care agency;
- Provide services to one child or more (including privately placed children; excluding the provider's own children); and
- Receive base daily fees of less than 270.70 (Full-time providers) or \$162.42 (part-time providers)

### **Q How do I know if I'm eligible to receive the full (\$20 a day) or partial (\$10 a day) HCCEG?**

**A** To be eligible to receive the **full** HCCEG, a provider must have provided full time services on average (6 hours or more a day) in the previous year. If a provider does not qualify for the full HCCEG because they provided less than 6 hours of care per day, they may still qualify for a **partial** HCCEG of \$10 per day.

### **Q How much can I expect to receive from the HCCEG? Do I receive the grant for all the days that I provide care?**

**A** You will receive the HCCEG for every day that you care for an agency-placed child in 2018. You will receive either the full (\$20) or partial (\$10) grant, based on the care you provided in 2017.

## Eligibility

**Q I terminated my contract with my PHDC agency in 2018. Will I be eligible for the HCCEG in 2018?**

**A** Yes, you will be eligible to receive the HCCEG for the days you worked in 2018. Providers who terminate their agreement with their agency during 2018 will receive payment for the HCCEG from the agency for the period that they worked in 2018. You can contact the agency you were contracted with for more information regarding your payment.

**A I am contracted with a home child care agency, but currently don't have any agency-placed children. Does this mean I am no longer eligible for the HCCEG?**

**A** Private children are to be counted in the calculation for the HCCEG

## Distribution

**Q How will the HCCEG be distributed?**

**A** HCCEG payments will be included on each payment transfer from the agency, based on the days you work.

**Q How do I know that my agency will give me 100% of my HCCEG?**

**A** Agencies must clearly indicate to providers the portion of funding that is being provided through the HCCEG. The payment should be labelled as follows:

- Provincial home child care enhancement grant.

Home child care agencies are required to attest to their local municipality that they have provided 100 per cent of HCCEG funding directly to eligible home care providers.

If you have any concerns regarding an operator's use of HCCEG funding, please contact:

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