Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux
de la Montérégie-Ouest

Financial considerations when your child is placed

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Is your child currently placed in an alternative living environment such as a family-type resource (FTR), an intermediate resource (IR), or a continuous assistance resource (CAR)?

Here is some important information related to your financial situation.

Effective September 1, 2021, the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux eliminated the financial contribution for the placement of minor children. This change affects the eligibility criteria for the Family Allowance and related supplements, depending on the duration and type of placement.

Provincial allowance – the 1st of the month

Permanent placement

If your child has been entrusted to an alternative living environment until adulthood under a placement order issued pursuant to the *Youth Protection Act*, **you will stop receiving Family Allowance benefits and related supplements the month after the placement order takes effect**.

These benefits may only resume if the child returns to the family environment permanently and the new order does not stipulate placement until adulthood. **The parent will need to reapply for the benefits from Retraite Québec.**

Temporary placement

If your child is in an alternative living environment under a placement order pursuant to the *Youth Protection Act*, but a **return to the family home is anticipated and there is no placement order until adulthood in effect**, the Family Allowance benefits and related supplements will continue to be paid to the parent who was receiving them at the time the child was placed. However, exceptions may apply for the Supplement for Handicapped Children Requiring Exceptional Care.

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Who receives the Family Allowance?

The Family Allowance benefits and related supplements are paid to the person (e.g., parent(s), legal guardian) who was living with the child before they were placed, based on the eligibility criteria established by Retraite Québec.

For more information

For details about eligibility, payments, or how to apply, contact Retraite Québec's Direction des relations avec la clientèle at **1-800-667-9625** or visit le www.retraitequebec.gouv.qc.ca.

Federal benefits – the 20th of the month

Placement for 30 days or less

If your child's placement is 30 consecutive days or less, you will continue to receive the Canada child benefit (CCB).

Placement for more than 30 days

However, if your child's placement exceeds 30 consecutive days, the benefits will be suspended. You will no longer be eligible as of the month following the start of the placement and **for the entire duration of the placement**. Once your child returns to the family environment **permanently, the person responsible for the child must reapply** for the benefits from the Canada Revenue Agency.

For more information

For details about eligibility, payments, or how to apply, contact the Canada Revenue Agency's customer service department at **1-800-387-1194** or visit www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency.

Overpayments may be recovered by Retraite Québec or the Canada Revenue Agency.

Do you have group insurance?

If your child is covered by your group insurance plan, it is important to share this information with your case manager. Even though your child is placed, you are still the main person responsible for their care. This means you are responsible for covering basic necessities such as medications, eyeglasses, dental care, etc.

Important

Other information

As the parent, you will still be expected to pay for other necessities such as clothing, recreational activities, transportation, etc., even while your child is placed.

Any questions?

Feel free to speak to your caseworker.