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All Holders of the Social Development
Policy and Procedures Manual
British Columbia Region

Manual Amendment Letter No # 02 2006/2007

To: All holders of the Social Development Policy & Procedures Manual

**Re: New Universal Child Care Benefit
Increase to School Start-up Allowance
Increase to National Child Benefit
Rate Tables moved to each policy section
New BC Institutional Legacy Trust Fund
Housekeeping**

This manual amendment updates and introduces changes to the *Social Development Policy and Procedures Manual*, BC Region, effective August 2006.

New Universal Child Care Benefit

On July 1, 2006, the federal government introduced the new Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB) for families with children under the age of 6. Families who are eligible for the Child Tax Benefit with children under the age of 6 will be entitled to receive the UCCB. benefit. The UCCB is paid by Canada Revenue Agency but not with the CCTB cheque, this monthly payment of \$100 per child under the age of 6 is paid separately.

Increase to School Start-up Allowance

The School Start-up Allowance has been increased to \$84 for children, aged 5 to 11 years and \$116 for children aged 12 to 18 years.

Increase to National Child Benefit

The Family Bonus (FB) has not changed the monthly amount remains at \$123.50 per month per child which is the combined amount of the BC Basic Family Bonus and the National Child Benefit Supplement. Additional top-up is no longer required for the indexing factor as NCBS has increased (for first, second, third and subsequent children) above the FB amount.

On July 1, 2006, the maximum National Child Benefit Supplement was increased for families with one child \$162.08, add \$143.33 for second child, add \$136.42 for third and subsequent children. The NCBS is paid by CRA through the CCTB payment system each month.

Rate Tables moved to each policy section

Chapter 8, Rate Tables has been removed and the rate tables for Hardship Assistance has been moved to Chapter 7, Hardship Assistance, rate tables for Social Assistance has been moved to Chapter 4, Eligibility, and the rate tables for Persons with Disabilities shall remain in Chapter 8, Persons with Disabilities Assistance.

New BC Institutional Legacy Trust fund

Introducing a new income and asset exemption for payments dispersed from the BC Institutional Legacy Trust fund to clients who were former residents of Woodlands, Glendale, Tranquille and Endicott Centre.

Housekeeping

In addition, this manual amendment updates:

- Table of Contents updated
- Move 10.2 Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers to Chapter 4, Eligibility as no policy changes have been made the effective date remains April 2004.
- Move 10.3 Persons with Disabilities to Chapter 4, Eligibility as no policy changes have been made the effective date remains April 2004.
- 6.1 policy clarification for treatment of CCTB benefits for GFA
- Appendix 1 updated

INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPDATING THE MANUAL:

All changes are **highlighted**. Please remove the following chapters and sections and replace them with the corresponding sections and chapters that are included in this package:

Please remove the Table of Contents (pages 1 to 8) and replace them with the attached Table of Contents (pages 1 to 7) dated August 2006.

Please remove Chapter 4, Section 7 (pages 1 to 10) and replace with the attached Chapter 4, Section 7 (pages 1 to 9) dated August 2006.

Please remove Chapter 4, Section 9 (pages 1 to 17) and replace with the attached Chapter 4, Section 9 (pages 1 to 17) dated August 2006.

Please insert the new Chapter 4, Section 10 (pages 1 to 5) dated April 2004.

Please insert the new Chapter 4, Section 11 (pages 1 to 2) dated August 2006.

Please remove Chapter 6, Section 1 (pages 1 to 4) and replace with the attached Chapter 6, Section 1 (pages 1 to 4) dated August 2006.

Please insert the new Chapter 7, Section 11 (pages 1 to 3) dated August 2006.

Please remove Chapter 8, Section 1 (pages 1 to 8) and replace with the attached Chapter 8, Section 1 (pages 1 to 9) dated April 2004.

Please insert the new Chapter 8, Section 2 (pages 1 to 2) dated August 2006.

Please remove Chapter 9, Section 6 (page 1) and replace with the attached Chapter 9, Section 6 (page 1) dated August 2006.

Please remove Chapter 10, Section 2 (pages 1 to 6) and replace with the attached Chapter 10, Section 2 (page 1) dated August 2006.

Please remove Chapter 10, Section 3 (pages 1 to 10) and replace with the attached Chapter 10, Section 3 (page 1) dated August 2006.

Please remove Chapter 11, Section 1 (pages 1 to 3) and replace with the attached Chapter 11, Section 1 (pages 1 to 6) dated August 2006.

Please remove Chapter 11, Section 2 (pages 1 to 5) and replace with the attached Chapter 11, Section 2 (pages 1 to 5) dated August 2006.

Please remove Appendix 1 (pages 1 to 14) and replace with the attached Appendix 1 (pages 1 to 13) dated August 2006.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification on this policy amendment, please contact Gwen John, First Nations Social Development Society (FNSDS) Resource Centre at 1-800-991-7099.

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