
Financial Requirements

Per Diem Rates

Family care home operators are paid at a rate based on the client's assessed level of care as determined through an assessment conducted by the Continuing Care Division, Ministry of Health.

Once the client has been assessed and the family care home operator approved following the procedures described in Appendix 8.3 Vol. 1, Community Social Services, reimbursement may be authorized by the funding services officer at the per diem rates outlined in Chapter 2 Vol. 2, Adult Institutional Care Services.

Family care homes are not permitted to charge room differentials.

Payments under the Social Development Program, including Social Assistance for Handicapped Persons (SAHP) or Persons with Disabilities (PWD), to a client admitted to a family care home shall cease with the payment made for the month in which the client is admitted.

The funding services officer will establish a comprehensive funding agreement with the administering authority for the reimbursement of charges relating to the operation of the home.

The operator will bill the administering authority for the number of care days provided each month to the client. The administering authority will then reimburse the operator at the per diem rate established for the client by the long term care assessment. The administering authority, in turn, will submit monthly billing to the DIAND Funding Services Directorate for reimbursement.

User Fees or Accommodation Rate

Part of the cost of care in a designated family care home must be paid by a client who can afford to contribute financially, taking into account earned and unearned income in accordance with Chapter 4 Vol. 1, Eligibility.

The daily user fee or accommodation rate to be paid by the client of a family care home is the same as that charged to a resident of an institutional care facility, as described in Chapter 2 Vol. 2, Adult Institutional Care Services.

The administering authority is responsible for ensuring the monthly collection of the fee from the client.

DIAND will pay the difference between the daily user fee and the rate determined by the client's level of care, as listed earlier in this module.

Earned Income, Incentive, Comforts, and Clothing Allowances

A client of a family care home may have earned income exempted as a single person, as provided in Chapter 4 Vol. 1, Eligibility. If the client had been receiving SAHP or PWD at the time of admission, the exemption level for a single in that category would apply.

The client may be issued an incentive allowance, if the conditions of Chapter 9 Vol. 1, Special Allowances are met.

Clients in a family care home who have no other means of providing for personal or recreational needs may be eligible for a comforts allowance, or clothing allowance, as provided in Chapter 5 Vol. 1, Shelter Allowances.