



# Information for Families

## RESIDENTIAL SERVICES: Individual Financial Contribution for Housing

Community Living BC (CLBC) provides supports and services to eligible adults\* and their families. CLBC has an Individual Financial Payment Policy that provides information about the monthly amount your family members will pay for shelter and support when required. This information sheet answers some common questions about this policy.

### Why does my family member have to contribute towards their shelter and support?

Individuals living in their own homes pay their rent and basic living costs, and individuals supported by CLBC that live in home sharing or staffed residential arrangements do the same.

### How does CLBC decide the monthly amount that individuals pay for shelter and support?

An individual's shelter and support monthly amount is determined based on their income. For individuals receiving the Persons with Disability Assistance (PWD), the monthly amount is based on the PWD rate. For individuals age 65 and over, the monthly amount is based on the Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement (OAS/GIS) rate.

### Why does my family member's shelter and support rate change when they turn 65?

Your family member receives a higher income once they are eligible for OAS/GIS benefits. CLBC aligns with the Ministry of Health contribution rates for residential services for those receiving OAS/GIS benefits. Support and shelter costs for those receiving PWD benefits are based on the amount of assistance they receive from the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, which is lower than OAS/GIS.



### What are PWD funds to be used for?

PWD funds are used for the purposes set out by the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction - for the support, shelter, personal and basic living costs for the person who receives PWD. For more information about how PWD funds may be used, please contact the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

### Where can I find information about the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction rates?

For more information visit the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty reduction website at [www.sdsi.gov.bc.ca/mhr/da.htm](http://www.sdsi.gov.bc.ca/mhr/da.htm) and the Ministry of Health website at [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/accessing-health-care/home-community-care/care-options-and-cost/long-term-residential-care](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/accessing-health-care/home-community-care/care-options-and-cost/long-term-residential-care) or call Enquiry BC at 1-800-663-7867.

### Where do I find information about applying for Old Age Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement to help me with the process?

The Service Canada website provides information on applying for each benefit. Please visit: [www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/publicpensions/cpp/old-age-security.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/publicpensions/cpp/old-age-security.html)



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\* A CLBC eligible adult is a person who is 19 years of age or older and who meets the eligibility criteria described in the Eligibility Policy.

**Community Living BC's Individual Financial Payment Policy provides information about the amount you pay for shelter and support. Below is some information about why you pay for shelter and support and how much you have to pay.**

## Why do I have to pay for shelter and support?

People who live in their own houses pay rent and other basic living costs (often called shelter and support). People who live in residential support from CLBC do the same. The amount you pay is based on your income.

Everybody who receives the Persons with Disability Assistance (PWD) pays the service provider \$716.00 per month towards their shelter and support costs, and they keep \$417.42 per month for personal expenses.

Single individuals who receive the Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement pay the service provider \$1,005.80 per month towards their shelter and support costs, and they keep \$457.09 per month for personal expenses. Married individuals may pay a prorated rate based on their joint OAS/GIS entitlement.

People who receive OAS and GIS benefits have a higher income than people who receive PWD, so they pay a higher amount for shelter and support for CLBC residential services.

## CONTACTING CLBC

If you have questions, you can contact your local CLBC office. Find contact information for all local offices at [www.communitylivingbc.ca](http://www.communitylivingbc.ca) under **Contact**.

You can also contact CLBC toll free at 1-877-660-2522.

Source of Income	Shelter and Support Payment to the Service Provider	Personal Expense Amount Individuals Keep
Persons With Disabilities Benefits (PWD)	\$716.00 per month	\$417.42 per month
Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement	\$1,005.80 per month	\$457.09 per month

These amounts are current as of April 2018. They may change in the future. Please check the CLBC website for updates.

