



Information for Families

SUPPORTS TO LIVE IN YOUR HOME: Individual Financial Contribution to Home Supports



Community Living BC (CLBC) provides supports and services to eligible adults* and their families. CLBC has an Individual Financial Contribution to Home Supports Policy that provides information about the monthly payment you or your family member will make to contribute to shelter and basic living costs when it is required, and how much it will be. This information sheet answers some common questions about this policy.

Why do you have to contribute towards shelter and basic living costs?

Individuals living in their own homes pay their rent and basic living costs. Individuals that receive CLBC funded support to live in their homes (home supports) do the same. When you or your family member receives CLBC-funded home support where housing is provided as part of the service (home sharing or staffed living), you pay a shelter and basic living costs contribution to the home support provider.

How does CLBC decide the monthly amount that you pay for shelter and basic living costs?

An individual's shelter and basic living costs monthly contribution amount is determined based on their income source. For individuals receiving 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.

* 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.

Why does your shelter and basic living costs contribution rate change when you turn 65?

Home support costs are funded by both CLBC and the individual receiving services. Shelter and basic living costs are based on income source - PWD assistance rates are lower than OAS/GIS assistance rates. Therefore, once you or your family member are eligible for OAS/GIS benefits, you receive a higher income and are able to contribute more to your home support costs.

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 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 and the Ministry of Health website 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.



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Community Living BC's Individual Financial Contribution to Home Supports Policy provides information about the amount you pay to contribute to shelter and basic living costs. Below is some information about why you pay for shelter and basic living costs and how much you have to pay.

Why do you have to pay for shelter and basic living costs?

People who live in their own houses pay rent and other basic living costs. People who receive home support from CLBC do the same. The amount you pay is based on your income source.

Single individuals who receive the Persons with Disability Assistance (PWD) pay the home support provider \$841.13 per month towards their shelter and basic living costs, and they keep their remaining funds for personal expenses.

Married individuals may pay a prorated amount based on their joint PWD entitlement.

Single individuals who receive the Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement pay the home support provider \$1,005.80 per month towards their shelter and basic living costs, and they keep the remaining funds for personal expenses.

Married individuals may pay a prorated amount based on their joint OAS/GIS entitlement.

CONTACTING CLBC

To find the contact information for your local CLBC office, please visit 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
Persons With Disabilities Benefits (PWD)	\$841.13 per month
Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement	\$1,005.80 per month

These amounts are current as of **August 1, 2023**. They may change in the future.

Guidance about what the Individual Financial Contribution covers can be found in the *Individual Financial Contribution to Home Supports Policy*. Please check the **CLBC website** for updates.

