

May 27, 2025

Dear Kinship and Foster Caregivers:

Subject: Increase to Caregiver Vehicle Mileage and Meal Allowance

The Government of Alberta (GoA) has updated Treasury Board Directive No. 05/2020, Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive effective June 1, 2025. As a result, the Caregiver Rate Schedule has been updated to align with the changes (outlined below).

Effective June 1, 2025, the allowance rates for vehicle mileage and meals have increased:

- The vehicle mileage rate will increase from \$0.550 to \$0.570 per kilometre.
- The meal allowance will increase:
 - from \$17.00 to \$18.00 for lunch;
 - from \$27.00 to \$28.00 for dinner.
- The breakfast allowance will remain at \$13.00

All child-related transportation costs (mileage and parking) are reimbursed according to the same rate as CFS employees. Child-related transportation includes medical appointments, cultural, recreation, family visits and any other transportation required pursuant to the child's case plan. Trips must be child specific and cannot be claimed for multiple children.

Meals for caregivers related to child-specific meetings or caregiver training must be discussed and pre-approved by the child intervention practitioner or caregiver practitioner. These are determined on a case-by-case basis and not guaranteed by policy.

Thank you for your work and dedication, it makes a positive difference for vulnerable children, youth and their families. This dedication is recognized and appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding these increases, please contact your child intervention practitioner or caregiver practitioner.

Yours truly,

Enclosure
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