

Good morning,

For your information, the Federal Government introduced the Emergency Care Benefit providing up to \$900 bi-weekly, for up to 15 weeks. This flat-payment Benefit would be administered through the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and provide income support to:

- Workers, including the self-employed, who are *quarantined or sick with COVID-19* but do not qualify for EI sickness benefits.
- Workers, including the self-employed, who are *taking care of a family member who is sick with COVID-19*, such as an elderly parent, but do not qualify for EI sickness benefits.
- *Parents with children who require care or supervision due to school or daycare closures*, and are unable to earn employment income, irrespective of whether they qualify for EI or not.

Application for the Benefit will be available in April 2020, and require Canadians to attest that they meet the eligibility requirements. They will need to re-attest every two weeks to reconfirm their eligibility. Canadians will select one of three channels to apply for the Benefit:

1. by accessing it on their CRA MyAccount secure portal;
2. by accessing it from their secure My Service Canada Account; or
3. by calling a toll free number equipped with an automated application process.

I will send you more details as soon as it will be available.

Best regards and stay safe and healthy!

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