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Subject Local Standard re: Universal Child Care Benefit

Authority Section 94 (1) *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000*

Summary As of July 20, 2006, families with children under 6 will receive the Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB). The province has indicated that a regulation exempting the UCCB from the calculation of RGI will be prepared. In the meantime, the Region is setting a local standard for housing providers to exempt the UCCB until the regulation is in place.

Background The Universal Child Care Benefit is a new initiative designed to assist Canadian families as they seek to balance work and family life, by supporting their child care choices through direct financial support.

Starting July 20, 2006, the UCCB payment is to be paid to the lower income parent of children under the age of 6 years in instalments of \$100 per month.

The Government of Canada also continues to provide support for families through the Canada Child Tax Benefit, the National Child Benefit Supplement and the Child Care Expense Deduction.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff indicated that a regulation will be drafted to exclude the UCCB from the calculation of RGI assistance.

Action Required Housing Providers to exempt the Universal Child Care Benefit when calculating rent-geared-to-income assistance.

Please contact your Program Co-ordinator if you have any questions.

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