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MEMORANDUM TO: Ontario Works Administrators  
-Municipalities and DSSABs  
  
Regional Directors  
Municipal Program Managers

FROM: Jeff Butler  
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RE: **2012 Provincial Budget – Additional Information re  
Implications for Social Assistance Benefits**

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Further to my memo dated March 27, 2012, I am writing to provide you with additional information about the following changes announced in the 2012 Ontario Budget:

- Removal of the Community Start-up and Maintenance Benefit (CSUMB) and home repair benefits from social assistance; and
- Revision of the cost sharing formula for Ontario Works non-health and health-related discretionary benefits.

### **Removal of the Community Start-up and Maintenance Benefit and Home Repair Benefits from Social Assistance**

The Budget announced that, as part of the first phase of consolidation under the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy, CSUMB would be removed from social assistance, with half of provincial funding to be included in a new consolidated program administered by municipalities to provide housing and homelessness services and supports. This change would take effect on January 1, 2013.

The Budget also announced that, effective January 1, 2013, home repair benefits would be removed from social assistance, including home repairs as a discretionary benefit under Ontario Works.

The ministry will retain homelessness-related funding for First Nations and will be engaging First Nations delivery partners on how best to provide these services.

### **Revision of the Cost Sharing Formula for Ontario Works Non-Health and Health-Related Discretionary Benefits**

The current maximum amount eligible for provincial cost-sharing of non-health related discretionary benefits expenditures is determined by using \$8.75 multiplied by the combined Ontario Works and ODSP average monthly caseload within a delivery agent's geographic area.

The Budget announced that, effective July 1, 2012, the existing formula would be replaced with a new formula of \$10 multiplied by the combined Ontario Works and ODSP average monthly caseload within a delivery agent's geographic area for combined health and non-health related discretionary benefits expenditures. The new per case amount would continue to be subject to the terms of the current cost sharing agreement.

The range of needs that can be addressed through Ontario Works discretionary benefits would not change (with the exception of the removal of home repairs per above). Delivery agents would continue to set local policies based on their clients' needs and their priorities.

### **Next Steps**

In order to facilitate planning for implementation of these changes, data on average monthly Ontario Works and ODSP caseloads by delivery agent for 2010-11 and 2011-12 is attached. Financial data on CSUMB for both Ontario Works (estimated for 2011-12) and ODSP (actual for 2011-12) is also attached.

The Ministry is reviewing the current business processes for financial reporting and monitoring to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the Ministry and Ontario Works delivery agents.

Further details on the implementation of the proposed changes to CSUMB, home repair benefit and cost-sharing of discretionary benefits will be provided in the coming months.

For questions regarding the above information, please contact Anna Cain, Manager, Ontario Works Branch at 416-325-6086 or [anna.cain@ontario.ca](mailto:anna.cain@ontario.ca).

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**OW and ODSP Cases and Community Start-up and Maintenance Expenditures, 2011-12**

Region	Consolidated Municipal Service Manager	Ontario Works			ODSP	
		Average Monthly Cases	CSUMB Expenditures (Est.) 100% costs \$M	Provincial Share \$M	Average Monthly Cases	CSUMB Expenditures 100% Provincial costs \$M
<b>Toronto</b>	Toronto CMSM	88,661	31.88	26.02	63,931	8.55
<b>Central East</b>	Durham CMSM	8,776	2.20	1.80	9,828	1.28
	Kawartha Lakes CMSM	1,643	0.80	0.65	2,467	0.43
	Northumberland CMSM	908	0.31	0.25	1,917	0.31
	Peterborough CMSM	3,609	1.97	1.61	4,094	0.83
	Simcoe CMSM	7,475	3.28	2.68	9,568	1.50
	York CMSM	5,942	1.89	1.54	9,605	0.69
<b>Central West</b>	Dufferin CMSM	500	0.19	0.16	727	0.10
	Halton CMSM	2,162	1.06	0.87	4,560	0.53
	Peel CMSM	15,173	5.40	4.40	14,483	1.59
	Waterloo CMSM	8,692	2.43	1.99	9,642	1.99
	Wellington CMSM	1,818	0.52	0.42	3,475	0.52
<b>Hamilton-Niagara</b>	Brant CMSM	2,261	0.68	0.56	4,385	1.07
	Hamilton CMSM	13,158	4.78	3.90	16,805	2.77
	Niagara CMSM	9,702	2.47	2.01	12,815	2.61
	Norfolk CMSM	1,284	0.49	0.40	2,364	0.31
<b>South West</b>	Bruce CMSM	533	0.14	0.12	1,307	0.18
	Chatham - Kent CMSM	3,241	1.08	0.88	3,547	0.58
	Grey CMSM	1,329	0.43	0.35	2,559	0.42
	Huron CMSM	497	0.19	0.16	1,397	0.20
	Lambton CMSM	2,704	1.41	1.15	3,010	0.48
	London CMSM	11,169	3.13	2.55	11,217	1.57
	Oxford CMSM	1,562	0.57	0.46	2,278	0.28
	St. Thomas CMSM	1,511	0.48	0.39	2,195	0.32
	Stratford CMSM	649	0.22	0.18	1,447	0.16
	Windsor CMSM	9,799	2.48	2.03	9,993	1.01
<b>South East</b>	Hastings CMSM	3,363	1.24	1.01	5,735	0.80

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	Kingston CMSM	2,833	1.17	0.96	5,842	1.10
	Lanark CMSM	1,044	0.48	0.39	2,032	0.32
	Leeds & Grenville CMSM	1,521	0.60	0.49	2,994	0.47
	Prince Edward-Lennox & Addington CM	885	0.37	0.30	2,008	0.26
<b>Eastern</b>	Cornwall CMSM	2,260	1.10	0.90	4,448	0.92
	Ottawa CMSM	16,190	5.37	4.39	20,134	2.19
	Prescott & Russell CMSM	982	0.26	0.22	2,524	0.38
	Renfrew CMSM	1,029	0.37	0.30	2,909	0.42
<b>North East</b>	Cochrane DSSAB	1,168	0.25	0.20	2,995	0.75
	Muskoka CMSM	902	0.37	0.30	1,420	0.25
	Nipissing DSSAB	2,006	0.85	0.70	3,869	0.63
	Parry Sound DSSAB	681	0.22	0.18	1,287	0.21
	Timiskaming DSSAB	614	0.17	0.14	1,386	0.22
<b>Northern</b>	Algoma DSSAB	802	0.47	0.38	1,445	0.23
	Greater Sudbury City	3,219	1.09	0.89	5,658	1.11
	Kenora DSSAB	618	0.19	0.16	1,005	0.10
	<b>Manitoulin &amp; Sudbury DSSAB</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>0.16</b>
	Rainy River DSSAB	213	0.05	0.04	428	0.04
	Sault Ste. Marie DSSAB	2,065	0.71	0.58	3,603	0.57
	Thunder Bay DSSAB	2,652	0.92	0.75	5,396	0.72
	First Nation	10,513	2.48	2.03	2,047	0.32
<b>Total</b>		<b>260,766</b>	<b>89.37</b>	<b>72.93</b>	<b>289,676</b>	<b>42.44</b>

Sources: Form V Subsidy Claims and SDMT

- Numbers may not add up due to rounding.
- Ontario Works CSUMB data is estimated for 2011-12
- ODSP CSUMB data is actual for 2011-12

OW and ODSP Cases and Community Start-up and Maintenance Expenditures, 2010-11

Region	Consolidated Municipal Service Manager	Ontario Works			ODSP		
		Average Monthly Cases	CSUMB - Annual Expenditures		Average Monthly Cases	CSUMB - Annual Expenditures	
			100% costs \$M	Provincial Share \$M		100% costs \$M	Provincial Share \$M
<b>Toronto</b>	Toronto CMSM	83,115	31.4	25.4	61,041	8.0	7.4
<b>Central East</b>	Durham CMSM	8,831	2.2	1.8	9,067	1.1	1.0
	Kawartha Lakes CMSM	1,660	0.8	0.6	2,307	0.5	0.4
	Northumberland CMSM	883	0.3	0.2	1,808	0.2	0.2
	Peterborough CMSM	3,499	1.9	1.6	3,866	0.6	0.6
	Simcoe CMSM	7,187	3.2	2.6	8,939	1.3	1.2
	York CMSM	5,770	1.9	1.5	9,116	0.6	0.5
<b>Central West</b>	Dufferin CMSM	491	0.2	0.2	663	0.1	0.1
	Halton CMSM	2,139	1.0	0.8	4,337	0.5	0.4
	Peel CMSM	14,489	5.3	4.3	13,538	1.5	1.3
	Waterloo CMSM	8,496	2.4	1.9	9,112	1.8	1.6
	Wellington CMSM	1,831	0.5	0.4	3,303	0.4	0.4
<b>Hamilton-Niagara</b>	Brant CMSM	2,095	0.7	0.5	4,189	0.9	0.9
	Hamilton CMSM	12,752	4.7	3.8	16,295	2.6	2.4
	Niagara CMSM	9,300	2.4	2.0	12,156	2.5	2.4
	Norfolk CMSM	1,288	0.5	0.4	2,281	0.3	0.3
<b>South West</b>	Bruce CMSM	503	0.1	0.1	1,265	0.2	0.1
	Chatham - Kent CMSM	3,268	1.1	0.9	3,410	0.5	0.5
	Grey CMSM	1,254	0.4	0.3	2,445	0.4	0.4
	Huron CMSM	479	0.2	0.2	1,321	0.2	0.2
	Lambton CMSM	2,481	1.4	1.1	2,893	0.4	0.3
	London CMSM	10,839	3.1	2.5	10,698	1.5	1.4
	Oxford CMSM	1,548	0.6	0.5	2,202	0.3	0.3
	St. Thomas CMSM	1,533	0.5	0.4	2,058	0.3	0.3
	Stratford CMSM	678	0.2	0.2	1,388	0.2	0.2
	Windsor CMSM	9,713	2.4	2.0	9,396	1.0	1.0

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<b>South East</b>	Hastings CMSM	3,446	1.2	1.0	5,345	0.8	0.7
	Kingston CMSM	2,747	1.2	0.9	5,617	1.0	0.9
	Lanark CMSM	1,019	0.5	0.4	1,956	0.3	0.3
	Leeds & Grenville CMSM	1,415	0.6	0.5	2,863	0.4	0.4
	Prince Edward-Lennox & Add	891	0.4	0.3	1,894	0.2	0.2
<b>Eastern</b>	Cornwall CMSM	2,109	1.1	0.9	4,329	0.9	0.8
	Ottawa CMSM	15,641	5.3	4.3	19,207	2.0	1.9
	Prescott & Russell CMSM	893	0.3	0.2	2,456	0.3	0.3
	Renfrew CMSM	970	0.4	0.3	2,821	0.4	0.4
<b>North East</b>	Cochrane DSSAB	1,319	0.2	0.2	2,917	0.7	0.7
	Muskoka CMSM	800	0.4	0.3	1,348	0.2	0.2
	Nipissing DSSAB	1,955	0.8	0.7	3,832	0.5	0.5
	Parry Sound DSSAB	620	0.2	0.2	1,265	0.2	0.2
	Timiskaming DSSAB	684	0.2	0.1	1,409	0.2	0.2
<b>Northern</b>	Algoma DSSAB	859	0.5	0.4	1,380	0.2	0.2
	Greater Sudbury City	3,286	1.1	0.9	5,478	1.0	0.9
	Kenora DSSAB	658	0.2	0.2	978	0.1	0.1
	Manitoulin & Sudbury DSSAB	441	0.1	0.1	876	0.2	0.1
	Rainy River DSSAB	206	0.1	0.04	411	0.03	0.02
	Sault Ste. Marie DSSAB	2,033	0.7	0.6	3,561	0.6	0.5
	Thunder Bay DSSAB	2,836	0.9	0.7	5,160	0.6	0.6
First Nation	10,330	2.4	2.0	1,996	0.3	0.3	
<b>Total</b>		<b>251,280</b>	<b>88.1</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>276,191</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>36.2</b>

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