



February 24, 2015

MEMORANDUM

**TO: Ontario Works Administrators
Consolidate Municipal Service Manager
District Social Services Administration Boards**

**FROM: Paul Baldassarro
Social Assistance Program Manager
North Region**

**SUBJECT: Release of 2015-16 Ontario Works Notional Funding
Allocations**

I am writing to provide you with the 2015-16 Ontario Works notional allocations for CMSMs/DSSAB's. The attached spreadsheets provide notional funding allocations for:

- Program Delivery Funding (PDF), including caseload data; and
- Addiction Services Initiative (ASI)

It is important to note that these allocations are for planning purposes. The notional allocation amounts are subject to available funding. These will be confirmed in late spring following the release of Printed Estimates and may be revised to reflect any new Budget commitments.

Program Delivery Funding:

April 1, 2015 will be the beginning of a new two-year business cycle. This means that the attached allocations have been determined based on standard and supplementary caseload information from October 2012 to September 2014. As a result of the ongoing upload of Ontario Works costs, the total funding envelope for upload funding in 2015-16 will continue to increase. Please note that the upload raises the established provincial subsidy per case from \$2,076 in 2014-15 to \$2,098 in 2015-16. In 2015-16 the provincial subsidy breakdown is \$661 per case for Upload funding and \$1,437 per case for 50/50 funding.

Standard and Supplementary Caseload Data:

Caseload Data for the upcoming two-year Ontario Works Business Cycle indicates a drop in the average caseload. As a result, some delivery agents will see a reduction in their maximum PDF allocations for 2015-16 and 2016-17. However, with the provincial caseload decrease many delivery agents will see an increase in their available upload funding as it is distributed proportionally. Similar to previous caseload data, the data includes supplementary caseload factors.

Addiction Services Initiative:

ASI allotments are annualized allocations for the fiscal year 2015-16 and reflect provincial cost-sharing arrangements effective January 1, 2015 and 2016.

Transition Funding:

As you are aware, Transition Funding introduced with the new Program Delivery Funding model in 2011-12 was phased-out in 2014/15 at 50% of the 2013/14 amounts for those delivery agents that continued to qualify. Transition funding is not being extended beyond the 2014-15 fiscal year, and so is not included in 2015-16 planning allocations.

Budget Package Materials:

The budget package files for Ontario Works and Addiction Services Initiative along with updated User Guides will be released shortly in a separate communication.

If you have any questions, please contact your Program Supervisor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Baldassarro". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Paul Baldassarro
Social Assistance Program Manager

c. Program Supervisors

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