



NOTICE

To: All Self-Managers

From: Direct Funding Program

Date: May 1, 2020

Re: “Pandemic pay” for frontline workers

<https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/04/pandemic-pay-provides-support-for-frontline-workers-fighting-covid-19.html>

Many Self-Managers know the Ontario government announced a temporary \$4.00 per hour wage increase for frontline workers on April 25, 2020 and the program knows many people are eager to learn if Direct Funding attendants are eligible for this “pandemic pay” increase.

It is our understanding at this time that Direct Funding attendants will be eligible for this pay increase, however, **neither program staff nor program funders are aware of exactly how or when this funding will be distributed.** This money may be distributed to the program itself, to individual Self-Managers as employers, or to individual attendant staff who may have to apply directly (similar to other government benefits that have been introduced in recent weeks).

At this time, while we await clarification about how, when and to whom this funding will be distributed, we must ask all Direct Funding participants to refrain from providing the extra hourly wage to your attendant staff. Please be assured that the program is checking in with our funder regularly and will provide an update to all Self-Managers immediately, once we receive direction on this much needed, and deserved, temporary increase for attendants.