

Ontario Disability Support Program - Income Support Directives

5.13 - Adoption Subsidy

Summary of Legislation

A payment received under Clause 175 (f) of the Child and Family Services Act is exempt as income.

Legislative Authority

[Section 41 \(5\) of the ODSP Regulation](#)

Summary of Directive

- A payment received under Clause 175 (f) of the Child and Family Services Act is not charged as income.

Intent of Policy

To ensure that an adoption subsidy received from a Children's Aid Society under section 175(f) of the Child and Family Services Act is not charged as income.

Application of Policy

Subsidies to Parents Adopting Children

In some instances, Children's Aid Societies pay subsidies to parent(s) adopting children. These subsidies are usually paid to parents adopting children with special needs and are paid until the child reaches the age of 18.

As in any adoption situation, the child is to be included as a member of the benefit unit.

Adoption subsidies are not to be charged as income.

Every adoption subsidy must be accompanied by an agreement which stipulates the items that the subsidy covers.

Hyperlinks Associated with this Policy Directive

Related Directives:

[5.1 Definition and Treatment of Income](#)

[5.6 Private Home Day Care Providers](#)