

# Ontario Works Policy Directives

## 6.11 Persons in Domiciliary-type Hostels

### Legislative Authority

Sections 5 and 7 of the Act.

Section 44(1) and 54(1) of Regulation 134/98.

### Audit Requirements

Adequate documentation is on file to support the issuance of assistance to persons in domiciliary hostels.

Documentation to support a decision about the maintenance or reduction of assistance is on file.

### Application of Policy

A domiciliary-type hostel is a place that provides permanent housing with limited supports to vulnerable adults who require some supervision and support with the activities of daily living.

People who are residents of a domiciliary-type hostel are considered to have residence in the geographic area where the hostel is located. The applicant or recipient is required to provide verification including a letter or receipt from the domiciliary-type hostel indicating living arrangements and cost.

Individuals residing in domiciliary-type hostels who are eligible for Ontario Works may receive an amount for board and lodging ([see Directive 6.4: Board and Lodging](#) for more information). Eligible recipients may also receive a Special Diet Allowance, Pregnancy/Breast-feeding Nutritional Allowance, Special Boarder Allowance and Advanced Age Allowance, as well as mandatory and discretionary benefits ([see Directive 6.1: Calculating Assistance](#) and [Directive 7.1: Summary of Benefits](#) for more information).

### Amount for Personal Needs

Under the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI), Municipal Service Managers may elect to issue an amount for personal needs to domiciliary-type hostel residents.

If the amount for personal needs is up to or equivalent to the amount issued for personal needs to a recipient or applicant in a long-term care home, then that

payment will be exempt as income. Any payment in excess of this amount will be treated as income and deducted from social assistance.