



Housing Services Notice

Date: September 27, 2016

HSN#: 2016-05

This applicable legislation/policy is to be implemented effective this date by the housing provider(s) under the following programs:

Please note, if your program is **not checked**, this change is **not applicable** to your project.

- Federal Non-Profit Housing Program
- Federal Section 26/27 Housing Program
- Federal Urban Native Non-Profit Housing Program
- Private Non-Profit Housing Program
- Municipal Non-Profit Housing Program (Pre-1986)
- Local Housing Corporation
- Local Housing Corporation—Rent Supplement Programs
- Nipissing District Housing Registry

Subject: Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) – Retroactive Payments

Background:

The Province recently awarded \$245 million in Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) cheques to 83,000 low-income seniors. In some cases these payments could represent up to seven years of missed payments.

Action:

ONPHA has advised members to apply changes to the current fiscal year only.

In keeping with ONPHA's recommendation, the DNSSAB is advising providers to complete a retroactive rent calculation for affected RGI households back to January 1st, 2016 only. RGI households will be required to reimburse any overpayments for this period.

Example: A GIS retro payment of \$5,564.00 applies to the period of April 2010 to June 2016 (6 years, 3 months). The tenancy ran from February 2016 to present.

$\$5,564.00/75 \text{ months} = \$74.18/\text{month}$ applied to each month from February 2016 to June 2016 (5 months).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other Housing Services Notice, please contact the Housing Services Administrator assigned to your portfolio:

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