FAMILY CAREGIVER BENEFIT FOR CHILDREN (FCB)

WHAT IS IT?
An Employment Insurance Benefit that provides temporary income support to eligible parents in order to take care of their critically ill or injured child.

HOW TO APPLY
1. Talk to your doctor to determine eligibility,
2. Have your child's doctor complete the Medical Certificate
3. Complete online application form
4. Bring the Medical Certificate and Authorization to a Service Canada near you

FOR MORE INFORMATION
or call: 1-800-206-7218

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Must meet the following qualifications:
1. You have a child who is critically ill or injured
2. The child is under 18 years old when you start your claim (which is the date your doctor stated on the Medical Certificate.)
3. Your weekly earnings have decreased more than 40% and it has been directly related to you providing care to your child.
4. You've worked at least 600 insured hours in the last 52 weeks

WHAT DOES IT COVER?
- Allows you to receive payment for up to 35 weeks within a 52 week period. The 52 week period begins on the date that is written on the form by the doctor.
- The number of weeks you are entitled to receive is based on the dates on the medical certificate signed by the doctor.
- The amount of money you will receive varies per person depending on your income. It is 55% of your average weekly insurable earnings. However, there is a maximum amount that you can receive.
- The maximum yearly insurable earnings is $50,800 (maximum $537 per week).

IMPORTANT THOUGHTS
- You will need to request a Record Of Employment (ROE) from your employer. If it is not submitted electronically by your employer, you will need to bring this to Service Canada along with the Medical Certificate as well as the Authorization to Release Medical Information.
- Before you apply you will need documents in order to complete the application, please see the FCB Checklist for a detailed list of documents needed.

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