

Prenatal Subsidy Criteria

A woman or family who requests a subsidy for prenatal classes must meet one of the following criteria:

Be:

- receiving disability assistance (full subsidy)
- referred from BCWH Social Workers due to family receiving financial assistance (full subsidy)
- referred from Healthiest Babies Possible (full subsidy)
- referred from Sheway (full subsidy)
- referred by the BCWH "Staff Clinic" (full subsidy)
- receiving income assistance from the BC Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance (full subsidy)
- with a household gross income greater than that defined by the BC Ministry of Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance for income assistance but experiencing an unusual situation that is causing financial hardship. (partial or full subsidy)

Process for requesting a Prenatal Class Subsidy

The care provider or social worker may e-mail a request for a full or partial client subsidy to: jsimpson@cw.bc.ca or call 604-875-2169.

OR

The applicant:

- completes the attached form
- chooses the classes they wish to attend from BC Women's Family Information booklet or by looking at the women's website; www.bcwomens.ca

Applicants do not register on-line for a class when requesting a subsidy.

- completes the Childbirth Classes Registration form
- sends: the subsidy request, and the Childbirth Class registration form to:
BCWH Prenatal Office,
Room B204,
Vancouver, BC
V6H 3N1

OR

The applicant:

- calls the prenatal clerk to request the subsidy and provides the reasons for the request.
- The prenatal clerk completes the registration process with the applicant.
- If the clerk has questions with regards to the amount of subsidy she refers to the Manager of Patient and Family Education.



Request for Prenatal Class Subsidy

I request a whole or partial subsidy for prenatal classes at BC Women's Hospital.

I am able to pay \$ ____ or _____ % of the cost.

I meet the criteria by: (tick one)

- ◆ Receiving disability assistance (full subsidy)
- ◆ Referred by BCWH Social Worker due to family receiving financial assistance (include a referral letter from your social worker)
- ◆ Referred by Healthiest Babies Possible (include a referral letter from your care provider) (full subsidy)
- ◆ Referred by Sheway (include a referral letter from your nurse) (full subsidy)
- ◆ Referred by the BCWH "Staff Clinic" (include a referral letter from your nurse or doctor) (full subsidy)
- ◆ Receiving BC Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance income assistance (full subsidy)
- ◆ Household gross income is greater than that defined by the BC Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance for income assistance but I am experiencing an unusual situation that is causing financial hardship (partial or full subsidy depending on the situation)

I understand that if I ask for this subsidy, I may be required to present proof of eligibility (such as last year's income tax statement, proof of assistance, or proof of need of assistance)

Name (print)

Signature

Date

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