

ALPHA RESOLUTION A08-9

TITLE: Back-to-School and Winter Clothing Allowances for Children in Families on Social Assistance

SPONSOR: Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Board of Health

WHEREAS the province has implemented the Ontario Child Benefit with monthly payments scheduled to begin in July 2008; and

WHEREAS the implementation of the Ontario Child Benefit will restructure social assistance and the back-to-school and winter clothing allowances will be eliminated from Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefits; and

WHEREAS the back-to-school and winter clothing allowances serve a specific need for families receiving social assistance; and

WHEREAS families receiving social assistance do not have adequate finances and will not have sufficient monthly income to allow them to save money to address these particular needs; and

WHEREAS families receiving social assistance and purchasing school supplies and winter clothing for their children will have even less ability to purchase healthy foods;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies call upon the provincial government to continue to issue both the back-to-school and the winter clothing allowances;

AND FURTHER THAT these allowances be paid 100% by the Province of Ontario.

ACTION FROM CONFERENCE:

Moved: M. Leduc (Eastern Ontario)
Seconded: J. Albanese (Northwestern)

Resolution CARRIED