



Manitoba Self-Verification Guide: Detecting Possible Misuse of Benefits and Services in Your Name (Parents & Caregivers)

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Purpose: This document provides a Manitoba-specific, legally safe pathway for parents, caregivers, and guardians to verify whether public benefits or services were billed, paid, or claimed using their own identity or that of a dependent. It includes both Manitoba and Government of Canada (federal) official resources.

Introduction

In Canada, child care and health services are primarily administered by provinces, while certain benefits, identity-protection mechanisms, and access-to-information laws also exist at the federal level. Manitoba does not provide a single public, name-searchable clearinghouse that aggregates all child care payments, subsidies, and health care claims.

The recommended approach is **self-verification**: review official records you are legally entitled to access, confirm provider and program details using official registries and portals, and escalate concerns only through official reporting channels if discrepancies are identified.

Section 1 – Licensed / Regulated Child Care Verification (Manitoba)

Licensed child care facilities in Manitoba are regulated by Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning. The Province provides a public Child Care Search tool for licensed child care centres and family child care homes.

1.1 Official provider search (public)

Manitoba Child Care Search:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childcare/families/childcaresearch.html> [1]

1.2 Provincial child care overview

Manitoba – Child Care and Early Learning:

<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/earlylearning/> [2]

Section 2 – Child Care Subsidy / Voucher Program (Manitoba Child Care Subsidy)

Manitoba offers a Child Care Subsidy program to assist eligible families with licensed child care costs. If you suspect a subsidy was used in your name or your child's name, review any official notices you received and verify your case status through official Manitoba application channels.

2.1 Official program information and application

Manitoba – Child Care Subsidy:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childcare/families/subsidy.html> [3]

2.2 What parents/guardians should review

- Eligibility and authorization notices (approved dates, child identifiers, and provider name).
- Provider licensing status using the official Child Care Search tool (Section 1.1). [1]
- Dates of care/attendance versus your own records.
- Whether subsidy activity appears to continue after withdrawal or provider change.

Section 3 – Health Coverage Claims Verification (Manitoba Health) and Fraud Reporting

Manitoba health coverage is administered by Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care. If you suspect misuse of your Manitoba Health card or services billed under your identity, contact Manitoba Health and use official reporting pathways.

3.1 Manitoba Health contact and coverage overview

Manitoba Health Coverage:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/mhsip/> [4]

3.2 Report suspected health card misuse or fraud

Manitoba Health — Health Card and Coverage Inquiries:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/mhsip/contact.html> [5]

Section 4 – Public Records Requests (Manitoba FIPPA)

Public access to records in Manitoba is governed by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). Records involving minors, benefit cases, and protected health information may be restricted; however, parents and guardians may request records they are legally entitled to receive.

4.1 Manitoba FIPPA overview

Manitoba Ombudsman — FIPPA:

<https://www.ombudsman.mb.ca/info/fippa.html> [6]

4.2 Submit a Manitoba FOI request

Manitoba — Access and Privacy (FIPPA requests):

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/accessandprivacy/> [7]

Section 5 – Federal Verification and Reporting (Government of Canada)

Some benefits, identity issues, and access-to-information requests are handled federally. Use the official Government of Canada resources below if concerns involve federal programs or identity misuse.

5.1 Report suspected tax or benefit cheating (CRA)

Canada Revenue Agency — Suspected tax or benefit cheating:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/programs/about-canada-revenue-agency-cra/suspected-tax-cheating-in-canada-overview.html> [8]

5.2 Report a scam or identity theft affecting CRA accounts

CRA — Report a scam or identity theft:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/scams-fraud/report-scam.html> [9]

5.3 Federal access-to-information / privacy requests (ATIP)

Government of Canada — ATIP Online Request:

<https://atip-aiprp.apps.gc.ca/atip/welcome.do> [10]

5.4 Report fraud or cybercrime (Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre)

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre — Report fraud:

<https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm> [11]

Section 6 – Public “Red Flag” Patterns (For Awareness Only)

- **Date mismatch:** benefits or services on days care was not provided.
- **Provider mismatch:** a provider listed that the family never used.
- **Duration mismatch:** activity continues after termination or withdrawal.
- **Authorization mismatch:** services exceed approved scope.
- **Identity mismatch:** records referencing a dependent you do not recognize.

Appendix A – Official Resources (Manitoba + Federal)

1. Manitoba Child Care Search – <https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childcare/families/childcaresearch.html>
2. Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care – <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/earlylearning/>
3. Manitoba Child Care Subsidy – <https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childcare/families/subsidy.html>
4. Manitoba Health Coverage – <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/mhsip/>
5. Manitoba Health Contact – <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/mhsip/contact.html>
6. Manitoba FIPPA (Ombudsman) – <https://www.ombudsman.mb.ca/info/fippa.html>
7. Manitoba Access and Privacy – <https://www.gov.mb.ca/accessandprivacy/>
8. CRA suspected tax/benefit cheating –
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/programs/about-canada-revenue-agency-cra/suspected-tax-cheating-in-canada-overview.html>
9. CRA scam / identity theft –
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/scams-fraud/report-scam.html>
10. Federal ATIP request – <https://atip-aiprp.apps.gc.ca/atip/welcome.do>
11. Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre – <https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm>

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