EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES (ESS) RATES
Effective April 1, 2009
NOT REDEEMABLE FOR CASH

NOTE TO SUPPLIER: Services to meet immediate needs should be provided in the **most cost-effective manner**. Rates below are **maximum amounts** – no additional surcharges are allowable. Extra costs incurred by the evacuee beyond the approved items listed below are the responsibility of the evacuee. See "NOTE TO SUPPLIER" on Referral form for reimbursement process, and "Information for Suppliers and ESS Responders" on the back of the Referral form for more detailed information.

NOTE TO ESS WORKER: A current ESS Rates sheet must accompany each Referral Form. The Provincial Emergency Program (PEP), Emergency Coordination Centre must be consulted when extraordinary requirements are needed to provide for immediate needs 1-800-663-3456.

ITEMS OF ASSISTANCE	ALL ITEMS ARE GST EXEMPT (#107864738)
FOOD **Restaurant Meals** **--OR--** **Groceries**	**Breakfast** / **Lunch** / **Dinner** / **TOTAL** Rate per person: $10.00 / $13.00 / $22.00 / $45.00 (inc. pst) **Half the restaurant meal rate applies should the evacuee choose groceries.** Daily rate per person: $22.50 (inc. pst) **Gratuities, tobacco products and alcohol are not included.**
LODGING **Hotel/Motel/B&B** **-- OR--** **Billeting in Private Homes**	Emergency Social Services is eligible for approved Provincial Government Rates from commercial accommodations supplier listed in the Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services Business Travel Accommodation Listings for government travel. *http://www.pss.gov.bc.ca/csa/categories/accommodation/search/* **Only the cost of the room is covered**. The evacuee is responsible for all other charges (e.g. video rentals, damages, parking, local and long distance calls). The Referral Form for billeting is issued to the billeting host (supplier). Billeting rate does not include meals. **Billeting Rate**: $30 per night based on single person occupancy. Add $10 for each additional adult and youth and $5 for each additional child
CLOTHING (to be issued when evacuees have not been able to pack necessities)	Adults, youth and children * up to $150.00 maximum per person (inc. pst) Clothing is provided as needed to preserve health and modesty. This **is not wardrobe replacement**. Clothing may include footwear or special needs items such as baby diapers. * Where extreme winter conditions apply at the time of the incident, and on a needs basis, amount may be increased to $200 per person.
TRANSPORTATION	Transportation necessary to meet immediate needs (e.g. taxis, 3 day bus pass, gasoline)
INCIDENTALS (to be issued when evacuees have not been able to pack necessities)	Adults, youth and children up to $50.00 maximum per person (inc. pst) May include miscellaneous items such as personal hygiene products, laundry supplies, pet food and lodging, medications for a 3 day period, and other immediate needs as required. For extraordinary needs, see "NOTE TO ESS WORKER" above.

Support is provided for a ***maximum of 72 hours immediately following an evacuation***, unless otherwise authorized.

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