

# Weekly Q/A on COVID-19: For disability service providers

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During the Minister's Town Hall, the Minister stated that hours from other services may be used towards Specialized Services. Would this flexibility also allow the transfer of aide time within Specialized Services funding toward a clinician on the team?

Yes, in some circumstances.

The interim Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) policies were intended to allow families to use services they could not access during the Public Health Emergency to meet their day-to-day support needs. The program provides services based on each child and family's unique needs and circumstances.

Families are encouraged to talk with their FSCD worker about how they can use the services and funding in their agreement if their needs and circumstances have changed as a result of COVID-19.

The interim FSCD policies remain in effect until they are formally rescinded, even though the State of Public Health Emergency has ended.

The Interim FSCD policies can be found here:  
[open.alberta.ca/publications/interim-family-support-for-children-with-disabilities-fscd-policy](https://open.alberta.ca/publications/interim-family-support-for-children-with-disabilities-fscd-policy)