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\$10-a-day child care first came into force in Saskatchewan in spring 2023. This was part of a promise from the federal government to have such child care in place Canada-wide by 2026.

Joan Pratchler, Saskatchewan NDP critic for child care and early learning, said the province has been a laggard and needs to offer a degree of certainty by signing onto the extension, which includes a three-per-cent funding increase every year starting in 2027-2028.

"There's so much at stake right now if we don't get this signed. Parents will face higher fees, child-care spaces will disappear," she said, adding downstream impacts will be felt if this deal lapses and the \$10-a-day child care disappears.

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