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Payment of the parental allowance is suspended as of the calendar month following the calendar month for which the allowance has already been paid if:

- there are grounds to investigate whether the beneficiary continues to qualify for the allowance, whether the parental allowance is being paid in the correct amount, or whether the payer in Slovakia remains responsible for paying the parental allowance; or
- an institution in another Member State is responsible for providing the parental allowance.

The office of Labour, social affairs and family:

resumes payment if the beneficiary proves that the reasons for which his or her payment has been suspended no longer exist. Payment is resumed as of the calendar month following the calendar month in which the reasons for suspension ceased to exist;

pays the balance of the allowance for the period during which payment was suspended, provided that the conditions of eligibility for the parental allowance and for payment thereof were met during this period;

resumes payment of the allowance if the competent institution of another Member State has decided not to provide a parental allowance or to provide a parental allowance in an amount lower than EUR 203.20. Payment is resumed as of the calendar month following the calendar month in which the beneficiary proves this fact to the payer;

pays the balance of the allowance for the period during which payment was suspended, or for part thereof, provided that the conditions of eligibility for the allowance and for payment thereof were met during this period and the beneficiary claimed an allowance in another Member State, but it was not granted;

issues a decision appointing an **alternative recipient** of the parental allowance if:

- a) the parental allowance is paid to a beneficiary who receives a hardship benefit and supplementary allowances, and these are arranged by an alternative recipient;
- b) the child allowance for a child in the beneficiary's care is arranged by an alternative recipient because the beneficiary has not used the child allowance for the purpose for which it is intended; or
- c) the beneficiary so requests.

The alternative recipient is the municipality in which the beneficiary resides or, where justified, another person. The alternative recipient ensures that the parental allowance is used properly. The payer stops using the alternative recipient when the reasons for this pass or at the request of the beneficiary, if the alternative recipient was appointed at the beneficiary's request.