



ALL JOBS PRODUCE ALLERGY

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LONDON, Ont. — A woman has won the right to collect social assistance benefits because she's too allergic to the environment to work for a living.

Lawyer Gord Cudmore said an Ontario social assistance review board has ruled his client, Linda Mae Whitlock, 45, is unemployable because she suffers from what's commonly known as "20th century disease."

Her disorder, a type of environmental hypersensitivity, makes the London woman allergic to almost everything around her, including the air in most workplaces, Cudmore said Tuesday.

He said he knows of no other cases in Canada where a person with the disease has been given such benefits.

Whitlock, separated from her husband, has two children. She is a former elementary school teacher.

Linda Mae Whitlock (right), with sons Jonathan (left) and David, and family dog Prince.

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