

**Effective January 1, 2020**

This fact sheet summarizes financial benefits that may be provided to eligible clients through the AISH program. Eligibility and amounts are governed by the *Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act* and regulations and are subject to change. See the AISH Program Policy manual for further clarification and updates.

Four digit computer codes are listed for the administration of benefits.

## Core Benefits

Core benefits consist of the following:

- **Living Allowance (Code 1601):** To assist clients living in the community.
- **Modified Living Allowance (Code 1616):** Consisting of a personal allowance and an accommodation rate to assist clients living in a facility.
  - \* The accommodation room rate charges are established under the Nursing Homes Operation Regulation.
- **Child Benefit (Code 1609):** To assist with the costs associated with raising dependent children.

Monthly Core Benefits	
Living Allowance (Code 1601)	\$1,685.00
Modified Living Allowance - Personal Allowance (Code 1616)	\$322.00
Child Benefit (Code 1609)	\$200.00 first child \$100.00 each additional child

## Income Exemptions

Income is used to determine eligibility for the AISH program and the amount of living allowance or modified living allowance. AISH recognizes a mutual obligation of cohabiting partners to support each other. Therefore, income of the applicant/client and their cohabiting partner are considered in determining eligibility for AISH and level of benefits.

### Employment Income Exemption

- Single: up to \$1,072 is fully exempt and up to \$2,009 is 50% exempt up to \$1,541
- Family: up to \$2,612 is fully exempt and up to \$3,349 is 50% exempt up to \$2,981

### Passive Business and Spousal Pension Income Exemption

- Single: up to \$300 is fully exempt and the remaining is 25% exempt
- Family: up to \$875 is fully exempt and the remaining is 25% exempt

## More Information about the AISH Program

The AISH program provides financial and health benefits to eligible adult Albertans with a permanent medical condition that prevents them from earning a living.

### Website:

For more information about the AISH Program click: <https://www.alberta.ca/aish.aspx>

### Your Guide to AISH:

Your Guide to AISH includes general information about the AISH program and benefits. To access Your Guide to AISH click: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/9781460136607>

### AISH Program Policy Manual:

To access the AISH Program Policy online policy manual click: <http://www.humanservices.alberta.ca/AWOnline/AISH/7180.html>

### Contact:

To find the phone number and address of an AISH office click: <https://www.alberta.ca/contact-aish.aspx>

## Emergency Benefits

Assists clients with costs for reasonable and essential goods and services in an emergency situation that is beyond the client's control.

### Accommodation (Code 2051)

Actual cost

### Child Care (Code 2052)

Actual cost

### Damage Deposit (Code 2053)

Up to \$358.00 for clients (and cohabiting partners) without dependent children  
Up to \$1,021.00 for clients with children  
\*Available once every 3 years

### Rental Arrears (Code 2054)

Same as damage deposit rates

### Food (Code 2051)

Up to \$21.00 per day per client  
Up to \$16.00 per day per dependent child

### Home or Appliance Repairs (Code 2051)

Actual cost

### Replacement Clothing (Code 2051)

Up to \$219.00 per client  
Up to \$164.00 per dependent child

### Transportation (Code 2051)

Actual cost

### Utility Arrears (Code 2050)

Actual cost

### Other Goods and Services (Code 2052)

Actual cost up to \$1,021.00

## Asset Exemptions

Assets are used to determine eligibility for the AISH program

The total market value of all the non-exempt assets cannot be worth more than **\$100,000** to be eligible for AISH.

## Other Resources

### Canada Child Benefit (CCB)

The CCB is paid monthly from July to June and is based on previous year's income.

See: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/canada-child-benefit-overview.html>

### Alberta Child Benefit (ACB)

The ACB is paid quarterly. Eligibility is based on annual income and the number of dependents living in the household.

See: <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-child-benefit.aspx>

### Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit (AFETC)

AFETC is paid January and July based on the previous year's income.

### Canada Workers Benefit (CWB)

CWB is paid quarterly beginning in April and based on the previous year's income.

## Personal Benefits (Partial List)

AISH provides personal benefits to assist clients with specific one-time or ongoing expenses over and above the monthly living allowance or modified living allowance. Personal benefits may also be provided to clients to help offset costs associated with their dependent children.

### Addictions Treatment (Code 2012)

\$40.00 per day for room and board

### Child Care - Day Care or Licensed Family Day Home (Code 1613)

Parent portion of subsidized rate per dependent child  
Actual cost of deposit or application fees

### Child Care - Private Child Care (Code 1613)

Actual cost up to \$5.00 per hour for the first dependent child  
\$2.00 per hour for each additional child up to \$11.00 per hour

### Children's School Expenses - (Code 2002)

\$52.00 for each child 4 years or older in kindergarten or preschool  
\$103.00 for each child in grades 1 to 6  
\$179.00 for each child in grades 7 to 12

### Children's School Expenses - School Lunch Supervision (Code 2002)

Actual Cost

### Employment and Training Supports (Code 2020)

Actual cost up to \$511.00 per 12-month period

### Escaping Abuse

See: Establishing a New Residence (2040)  
See: Moving Benefit (Code 2041)  
Actual cost of a damage deposit (2042)

### Establishing a New Residence (Code 2010)

Actual cost up to \$1,021.00

### Infant Care (Code 2003)

One-time payment of \$256.00 per infant

### Moving (Codes 2045, 2046 or 2047)

Actual cost

### Remote Community (Code 1614)

\$41.00 per month per client and per dependent child

### Travel - Transportation (Codes 2031, 1611, 2032, 1612 or 2030)

Actual cost of the most economical means of public transportation or  
\$0.31 per kilometre for a private vehicle or  
The actual cost of taxi fare

### Travel - Accommodation (Codes 2031, 1611, 2032, 1612 or 2030)

Actual Cost

### Travel - Food (Codes 2031, 1611, 2032, 1612 or 2030)

See: Emergency Food

## Health Benefits

AISH clients also receive health benefits for themselves, their spouses and their dependents, unless they receive coverage through the federal government or full coverage from their employer.

AISH health benefits cover basic dental care, eye exams and glasses, prescriptions, essential diabetic supplies and emergency ambulance services.

AISH also covers ambulance trips to the closest emergency room.

## Personal Benefits Eligibility Criteria

The AISH program may provide personal benefits to help clients with one-time or ongoing expenses over and above their monthly living allowance when:

- The client and their cohabiting partner have no more than \$5,000 in non-exempt assets or are in a situation of financial hardship;
- The requested item is considered necessary;
- The client is not eligible to receive the same or similar benefit from another program or source; and
- In the case of medical equipment and supplies, the benefit is essential to manage the client's condition.

## Special Goods and Services

Special Goods and Services are a type of personal benefit provided to assist clients with the costs of specific medically required or disability related goods and services.

### Medical Equipment (Various Codes)

Actual reasonable cost up to \$2,042.00

### Maintenance of Equipment - Manual Wheelchair (Code 2066)

Up to \$450.00 per 12-month period for maintenance and repairs

### Maintenance of Equipment - Power Wheelchair/ Scooter (Code 2066)

Up to \$600.00 per 12-month period for maintenance and repairs

### Medical Supplies (Codes 1660 or 2060)

Actual reasonable cost up to \$409.00 per month

### Medical Alert Services (Code 2068 or 1698)

Actual reasonable cost of initial set up and ongoing fees

### Special Diet (Code 1610)

Low Sodium: \$21.00 per month  
Low Cholesterol or Low Fat: \$21.00 per month  
High Fiber: \$21.00 per month  
High Calcium: \$21.00 per month  
High Protein: \$21.00 per month  
Lactose Free: \$21.00 per month  
Low or High Potassium: \$21.00 per month  
Pregnancy: \$26.00 per month  
Breastfeeding: \$31.00 per month for up to 12 months  
High Calorie: \$37.00 per month  
AIDS or HIV: \$37.00 per month  
Hepatitis C: \$37.00 per month  
Heart Healthy: \$41.00 per month  
Diabetes: \$41.00 per month  
Milk Free: \$52.00 per month  
Celiac or Gluten Free: \$82.00 per month  
Renal Failure or Insufficiency: \$113.00 per month

### Service Animal (Code 1615)

\$52.00 per month

### Specialized Clothing (Code 2021)

Actual reasonable cost up to \$307.00 in a 12-month period