

Program Policy Manual Update

Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped

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BACKGROUND:

Under the AISH General Regulation (the Regulation), the statutory director has the authority to provide personal benefits when certain criteria have been met. These criteria include that a benefit is listed in Schedule 3 of the AISH General Regulation and that the rate and frequency of the benefit is within those set by the Minister, subject to annual indexation. The statutory director has delegated the authority to make these decisions to regional staff in the <u>Personal Benefits</u> operational policies.

Under the Regulation, the Minister also has the authority to provide personal benefits when certain criteria have been met. The Minister has delegated the authority to make these decisions to senior managers in the Requesting Additional Personal Benefits operational policy.

INTENT:

AISH workers do not have the authority to approve a personal benefit that is not included in Schedule 3 of the AISH General Regulation or that is not within the rates and frequencies listed in the AISH Online Policy Manual.

The purpose of this update is to clarify that AISH workers have the authority to deny a personal benefit that is not included in Schedule 3 of the Regulation or that is not within the rates and frequencies outlined in the policy manual. A request for a personal benefit that is not included in Schedule 3 of the Regulation or that is not within the rates and frequencies outlined in the policy manual may be considered by the senior manager under the Requesting Additional Personal Benefits policy.

POLICY:

The following program policy has been updated:

Personal Benefits