

Subject: Blood Tribe Mismanagement of Assets Specific Claim Settlement Agreement: Treatment of Per Capita Distribution Payments as Income and Assets

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BACKGROUND:

Under the Blood Tribe Mismanagement of Assets Specific Claim Settlement Agreement (the Agreement) the Blood Band (the Band) and Canada have negotiated a settlement of the Band's claim that the federal government historically mismanaged assets belonging to the Band in the early 20th century. The Band will issue a one-time per capita distribution (PCD) payment of \$2,000 to each band member that is registered or eligible to be registered by the date the payments will be distributed.

PCD Payments as Income

As these PCD payments do not have to be reported to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), they are not considered in a determination of income under the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program.

Note: Interest or investment income generated from these PCD payments that is reportable to the CRA is considered [passive business income](#) and it receives a partial income exemption. Any money remaining from these interest or investment amounts in subsequent months is considered a non-exempt asset.

PCD Payments as Assets

The Minister exercised authority under section 2(2)(i) of Schedule 2 of the AISH General Regulation to exempt these PCD payments from the determination of assets, including any assets purchased with the PCD payment. As a result, these PCD payments do not impact AISH program eligibility or eligibility for personal benefits.

INTENT:

To ensure that AISH policy accurately reflects how the program treats PCD payments from the proceeds of the Blood Tribe Mismanagement of Assets Specific Claim Settlement Agreement.

POLICY:

The following program policies have been updated:

The [Income Type Exemption Table](#) has been updated under the [Income](#) Policy.

Assets - [Government Payments](#)