



Program Policy Manual Update

Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped

Subject: Updated Funeral Benefit Policy

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BACKGROUND:

Effective April 1, 2022, an amendment to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) General Regulation came into force that removed the requirement to issue funeral benefits based on a contract with the Minister of Community and Social Services (CSS) and a number of funeral service providers.

Funeral benefits will no longer be issued based on a contract. Albertans will apply directly to CSS for actual funeral costs up to a maximum rate. To enhance client choice and streamline processes, the government will not mandate what goods and services can be purchased under the new rates. Clients are also able to choose the provider of their choice.

A funeral benefit is a personal benefit that can now be issued directly to an eligible person for actual expenses up to a maximum rate.

Rates are now set via Ministerial Order.

Policy has been revised to reflect the regulatory amendment, benefit rates, and processes.

INTENT:

To provide staff with information about the updated funeral benefit policy and processes.

POLICY:

The following policies have been updated:

[Funeral Benefits](#)