

Subject: Prenatal Needs Benefit

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BACKGROUND:

The Prenatal Needs Benefit is a new personal benefit available under the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program. A provision was added to Schedule 3 of the AISH General Regulation to create this benefit, which came into force on January 1, 2022.

As set out in [Ministerial Order 2022-006](#), the Prenatal Needs Benefit provides \$100 per month for expenses related to prenatal care. An AISH client, their cohabiting partner or their dependent child, who is pregnant, may be eligible to receive this benefit:

- Starting in the month of their 14th week of pregnancy, and
- Continuing until the last day of the month in which their expected date of delivery occurs.

The Prenatal Needs Benefit may be issued retroactive to January 1, 2022.

INTENT:

To provide information on the new Prenatal Needs Benefit.

POLICY:

The following new AISH program policy has been created:

- [Prenatal Needs Benefit](#)

The following AISH program policy has been updated:

- [Personal Benefits](#)