

Program Policy Manual Update

Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped

Subject: Indexing of AISH Benefit Rates

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BACKGROUND:

Through an amendment to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) General Regulation, AISH benefits will be indexed annually to inflation.

The benefit rates have been increased by 6% effective January 1, 2023.

The following rates are not indexed:

- The accommodation portion for clients living in long term care facilities as these rates are outlined in the Nursing Homes Operation Regulation. These rates are indexed annually by Alberta Health.
- Any personal benefit rates that are paid at actual cost.

INTENT:

To update benefit rates to reflect the 6% increase effective January 1, 2023. No other changes have been made.

POLICY:

Indexing

The following policies have been updated:

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Indexing of Benefits Rounding Benefits

Core Benefits

The following policies have been updated:

Living Allowance

Modified Living Allowance

Child Benefit

Personal Benefits

The following policies have been updated:

Child Care

Children's School Expenses

Emergency

Employment and Training Supports

Establishing a New Residence

Funeral Benefits

Infant Care

Prenatal Needs Benefit

Remote Community

Travel

Medical Supplies

Medical Equipment

Maintenance of Equipment

Special Diets

Specialized Clothing

Service Animal

FORMS:

The following forms have been updated:

DS 0433 Financial Benefit Summary – AISH

DS 12960 Funeral Benefits Application for AISH Clients

Funeral Benefits - Payment Direction

Funeral Benefits – Request for an Exceptional Amount

GUIDES:

<u>Guide to Completing the AISH Funeral Benefits Application</u> Provider's Guide to the Funeral Benefits Application

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