



## Program Policy Manual Update

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### Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped

Subject: AISH Benefits in Residential Addiction Treatment Facilities

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#### BACKGROUND:

Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) clients may receive addiction treatment in a residential addiction treatment facility. A [list of licensed residential addiction treatment service providers](#) is maintained by Alberta Health.

Treatment in these facilities may vary in length from up to three months to nine months, or longer. The province has recently introduced recovery communities as a form of residential addiction treatment. Recovery communities provide long-term (approximately nine months), recovery-oriented treatment that is focused on the whole person and overall lifestyle changes.

Clients, their cohabiting partner or dependent children, who are admitted to residential addiction treatment facilities, including recovery communities, may continue to receive full AISH benefits if they continue to meet all program eligibility criteria.

#### INTENT:

To update policy to reflect the benefits provided to individuals in residential addiction treatment facilities to ensure the policy is clear and to support consistent policy application. The authority references and title of the policy have also been updated.

#### POLICY:

The following policy, formerly titled **Temporary Admission to Institutions**, has been updated and renamed:

- [Temporary Admissions to Institutions and Residential Addiction Treatment Facilities](#)

The following policies has been updated to reflect the name change to Temporary Admissions to Institutions and Residential Addiction Treatment Facilities policy:

- [Personal Benefits](#)
- [Establishing a New Residence \(Community Start-Up Benefit\)](#)