



## Program Policy Manual Update

Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped

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Subject: Treatment of Government of Alberta compassionate payments to families impacted by the September 2023 E. coli outbreak in Calgary childcare facilities

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### BACKGROUND:

In response to the September 2023 E. coli outbreak in several Calgary childcare facilities, the Government of Alberta is issuing compassionate payments to eligible affected families.

These payments to Albertans are not considered income by the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program, as they are not reportable to the Canada Revenue Agency.

To ensure that clients' eligibility and benefits are not impacted by these payments, the Minister has exercised his authority, through a Ministerial Order, to exempt these payments as an asset, including any asset to the extent it was purchased with the payment.

### INTENT:

To ensure AISH policy accurately reflects the treatment of these Government of Alberta payments.

**POLICY:**

The following policies have been updated:

- [Income Type Exemption Table](#) under the [Income Policy](#)
- [Government Payments](#)