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BACKGROUND:

On October 1st, 2018, the Disability Related Employment Supports (DRES) became available to all Albertans with a disability working less than 15 hours/week and seeking DRES Workplace Supports. The old DRES policy requires an individual to work at least 15 hours/week in order to be considered for DRES Workplace Supports. The DRES policy has been amended to remove the minimum 15 hours/week requirement. This means that Albertans with a part-time job can apply to be considered for DRES funding.

INTENT:

This change in the DRES policy is part of the Government of Alberta's ongoing commitment to creating an inclusive province, and was included as part the Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM) announcements on October 1st, 2018.

POLICY:

<u>Disability Related Employment Supports Policy</u> has been updated. <u>DRES Workplace Supports</u> category has been updated.