

Ministerial Order No. 2021-014

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES Office of the Minister

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta may provide the Critical Worker Benefit, a one-time payment of up to \$1,200 to eligible workers in recognition of their hard work to support Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic with critical services;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to section 23(3)(e) of the Income Support, Training and Health Benefits Regulation (the Regulation) under the *Income and Employment Supports Act*, the Minister considers the Critical Worker Benefit to be a source of money accessible to a household unit;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1(1)(y) of Schedule 2 of the Regulation, the Minister may exempt any payment received from the Government of Canada or a Province of Canada, to the extent determined by the Minister, from the determination of financial resources;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1(1)(n.2) of Schedule 1 of the Regulation, the Minister may exempt an asset or liquid asset that was purchased or obtained with money exempted under section 1(1)(y) of Schedule 2 of the Regulation for the purpose of determining assets;

I, RAJAN SAWNEY, Minister of Community and Social Services:

- 1. Pursuant to section 1(1)(y) of Schedule 2 of the Regulation, exempt the Critical Worker Benefit payment received from the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta by a member of a barriers to full employment or an expected to work or working household unit, from the determination of financial resources; and
- 2. Pursuant to section 1(1)(n.2) of Schedule 1 of the Regulation, exempt an asset or liquid asset that was purchased or obtained with money from a Critical Worker Benefit payment received from the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta by a member of a barriers to full employment or an expected to work or working household unit, for the purpose of determining assets.

DATED this 15 day of April , 2021.

Rajan Sawliney

Minister of Community and Social Services