

Subject: Prenatal Needs Payment

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Prenatal Needs Payment is a new supplementary benefit available under the Income Support (IS) program. A provision was added to Schedule 4 of the Income Support Training and Health Benefits Regulation to create this benefit, which came into force on January 1, 2022.

As set out in [Ministerial Order 2022-007](#), the Prenatal Needs Payment provides \$100 per month for expenses related to prenatal care. A member of an IS household, who is pregnant, may be eligible to receive this benefit:

- Starting in the month of their 14<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy, and
- Continuing until the last day of the month in which their expected date of delivery occurs.

The Prenatal Needs Payment may be issued retroactive to January 1, 2022.

**INTENT:**

To provide information on the new Prenatal Needs Payment.

**POLICY:**

The following new policy has been created:

- [Prenatal Needs Payment](#)

The following policies have been updated:

- [Income Support, Training and Health Benefits Ministerial Orders](#)

- [Supplementary Benefits](#)
- [Delegated Authority for Issuing Supplementary Income Support Benefits](#)
- [Procedures for Issuing Supplementary Income Support Benefits](#)