

Subject: Income Support Benefits in Residential Addiction Treatment Facilities

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**BACKGROUND:**

Income Support applicants or 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.

The province has recently introduced recovery communities as a form of residential addiction treatment. Recovery communities provide long-term, recovery-oriented treatment.

Income Support applicants and clients who are admitted to residential addiction treatment facilities, including recovery communities, may continue to receive full Income Support benefits based on their client category and family composition, as long as they continue to meet all program eligibility criteria.

**INTENT:**

To update policy to reflect the benefits provided to applicants and clients 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 “Hospitals”) has been updated and renamed:

- [Health and Treatment Facilities](#)

The following policies have been updated to reflect the name change to the Health and Treatment Facilities policy:

- [Core Shelter – General Policy](#)
- [Core Essential](#)