

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.

To ensure that Income Support Expected to Work (ETW) and Barriers to Full Employment (BFE) clients' eligibility and benefits are not impacted by these payments, the Minister has exercised his authority to exempt these payments as income and assets or liquid assets, including any asset or liquid asset to the extent it was purchased with the payment, through Ministerial Order No. 2023-024.

**INTENT:**

To ensure the Income Support policy accurately reflects the treatment of these payments for ETW and BFE clients.

**POLICY:**

The following policies have been updated:

**Income Support ETW/BFE**

[Fully Exempt Income](#)

[Asset Exemptions](#)

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

**Funeral Benefits for Low Income Albertans**

[Exempt Income for Responsible Survivors and the Estate of the Deceased](#)

[Exempt Assets for Responsible Survivors and the Estate of the Deceased](#)