

Subject: Additional Shelter Allowance Policy Clarification

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BACKGROUND:

The Additional Shelter Allowance (ASA) provides additional assistance to support eligible Income Support Expected to Work and Barriers to Full Employment households with specific shelter requirements.

The Income and Employment Supports policy manual has been updated to clarify ASA requirements to support consistent interpretation and application of this policy. These clarifications:

- Make it explicit that people with long-term health conditions are only required to confirm their medical eligibility every 12 months if the medical opinion on file indicates that the condition will continue to exist.
- Clearly outline that households are only required to have experienced a change in circumstances, such as an increase in rent or a reduction in income, when establishing initial eligibility for the benefit, and not as part of continued eligibility reviews.

There have been no changes to the eligibility criteria for the ASA. These clarifications will help to ensure those who are eligible for this benefit can continue to receive it without interruption.

INTENT:

To clarify the existing ASA policy for Expected to Work and Barriers to Full Employment households.

POLICY:

The following policy has been updated:

[Additional Shelter](#)