

Subject: Treatment of Class Action Settlement Payments to former Manitoba Developmental Centre Residents

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BACKGROUND:

The Government of Manitoba has reached a settlement in the *Weremy v Manitoba* class action. Under the Settlement Agreement, payments will be provided to former residents of the Manitoba Developmental Center (MDC) who allege there was negligence and breach of fiduciary duty in the operation of the MDC which resulted in physical and sexual harm to some residents. Payments will range between \$3,000 and \$85,000, depending on the circumstances.

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 to the extent it was purchased with the payment, through Ministerial Order 2023-025.

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](#)