

Subject: Indexing of Income Support Benefit Rates

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BACKGROUND:

The Income Support, Training and Health Benefits Regulation contains provisions for indexing Income Support benefit rates to inflation based on the annual change in the Alberta Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Effective January 1, 2024, Income Support core and supplementary benefits rates will increase by the CPI of 4.25 per cent.

INTENT:

To ensure Income Support policies reflect the 4.25 per cent benefit rate increase effective January 1, 2024.

POLICY:

Adjustments have been made to the following policy sections to reflect the 2024 rate increase.

Indexing

The following policies have been updated:

[Indexing of Benefits](#)

[Rounding Benefits](#)

Core Essential Benefit

The following policies have been updated:

[Core Essential](#)
[Shelters For Those Fleeing Abusive Relationships](#)
[High School Incentive \(HSI\) Benefit](#)
[18 and 19 Year Old Dependents](#)

Core Shelter Benefit

The following policies have been updated:

[General Policy](#)
[Private Housing](#)
[Social Housing](#)
[One Adult Living in Community, Spouse/Partner Living in Facility](#)

Supplemental Benefits

The following policies have been updated.

Continuous Needs:

[Additional Shelter](#)
[Child Supplement Allowance](#)
[Childcare](#)
[Earnings Replacement Allowance](#)
[Handicap Benefit](#)
[Isolated Community Allowance](#)
[Personal Needs Allowance](#)
[Prenatal Needs Payment](#)
[Transportation to Day or Employment Program](#)

Non-Continuous Needs:

[Children's School Expenses](#)
[Community Living Start-Up Allowance](#)
[Emergency Allowance](#)
[Employment Training and Transition Supports](#)
[Escaping Abuse Benefit \(Household Start-up\)](#)
[Natal and Adoptive Needs Payment](#)
[Personal Benefit – Telephone and Transportation – Leaving Abusive Situation](#)

Supplemental Health Benefits:

[Continuous Positive Airway Pressure \(CPAP\) Devices](#)
[Medical Extraordinary Transportation](#)
[Medical and Surgical Supplies](#)
[Special Diets](#)

FORMS:

The following forms have been updated:

[EMP 0433 Financial Benefits Summary](#)