

Subject: Income Exemption for Canada Housing Benefit for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence (CHB GBV)

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BACKGROUND:

As part of the National Housing Strategy, the governments of Canada and Alberta are partnering to issue the Canada Housing Benefit for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence (CHB-GBV) to support individuals with housing needs who are escaping gender-based violence.

To ensure Income Support recipients who are eligible for the CHB GBV can use these payments to meet their housing needs, the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services has exercised his authority to exempt this benefit as a financial resource for Expected to Work (ETW), Barriers to Full Employment (BFE) and Funeral Benefits for Low Income Albertans recipients, through a Ministerial Order.

INTENT:

To ensure ETW/BFE policy accurately reflects the treatment of CHB GBV payments.

POLICY:

The following policies have been updated:

Income Support ETW/BFE

[Fully Exempt Income](#)

[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](#)