

Subject: Indexing of Income Support Benefit Rates

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BACKGROUND:

Through an amendment to the Income Support, Training and Health Benefits Regulation, Income Support benefits will be indexed annually to inflation.

The benefit rates have been increased by 6% effective **January 1, 2023**.

The following rates are not indexed:

- The accommodation portion for clients living in long term care facilities, as these rates are outlined in the Nursing Homes Operation Regulation. These rates are indexed annually by Alberta Health.
- Any supplementary benefit rates that are a payment for an actual cost.

INTENT:

To update benefit rates to reflect the 6% increase effective January 1, 2023. No other changes have been made.

POLICY:**Indexing**

The following policies have been updated:

[Indexing of Benefits](#)

Rounding Benefits

Core Essential Benefit

The following policies have been updated:

[Core Essential](#)

[18 and 19 Year Old Dependents](#)

[Shelters For Those Fleeing Abusive Relationships](#)

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](#)

[Funeral Benefits for Income Support Households](#)

[Funeral Benefits for Low Income Albertans General Policy](#)

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](#)

[EMP 12950 Funeral Benefits Application for Albertans with Low Income](#)

[EMP 12961 Funeral Benefits Application for IS Clients](#)

[Funeral Benefits - Payment Direction](#)

[Funeral Benefits – Request for an Exceptional Amount](#)

GUIDES:

The following guides have been updated:

[Guide to Completing the Income Support Funeral Benefits Application](#)

[Guide to Completing the SCSS Funeral Benefits Application](#)

[Provider's Guide to the Funeral Benefits Application](#)