

Subject: Residential Addictions Treatment

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Learner Income Support program provides financial assistance including supplementary benefits to eligible learners and their household members. The Residential Addictions Treatment Benefit is a supplementary benefit available to assist learners and other members of their household overcome addictions. The benefit provides a maximum of \$40 per day to help cover the cost of room and board to attend an Alberta Health Services operated or funded residential treatment programs.

**INTENT:**

Effective October 1, 2020, Albertans can access all publicly funded residential addictions treatment beds without user fees.

The Residential Addictions Treatment Benefit is no longer required and the policy has been removed from the Learner Income Support policy manual.

**POLICY:**

Residential Addictions Treatment