



ALBERTA

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Office of the Minister

Ministerial Order No. 2018-19

WHEREAS certain payments and exemptions may be established by the Minister for the purposes of providing income support benefits under the *Income and Employment Supports Act* (the *Act*) and the *Income Support, Training and Health Benefits Regulation* (the *Regulation*);

AND WHEREAS *An Act to Combat Poverty and Fight for Albertans with Disabilities* provides for the annual adjustment of income support payment amounts by the Alberta Consumer Price Index (CPI) in accordance with the *Act* and *Regulations*;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to re-establish the payments and exemptions previously set out in Ministerial Order No. 2016-22 of the former department of Human Services for the purposes of calculating amounts for the 2019 CPI adjustment year;

I, IRFAN SABIR, Minister of Community and Social Services, effective January 1, 2019:

- 1 Pursuant to section 6(a) of the Schedule of the *Act*, establish the core essential payment rates set out in the attached Appendix A;
- 2 Pursuant to Schedule 1 of the *Regulation*, establish the exempt assets set out in the attached Appendix B;
- 3 Pursuant to Schedule 2 of the *Regulation*, establish the exempt financial resources set out in the attached Appendix C;
- 4 Pursuant to section 10 of the Schedule of the *Act*, establish the amounts or values of supplementary income support payments or allowances and the frequencies with which the payments or allowances may be provided for the purposes of Schedule 4 of the *Regulation*, as set out in the attached Appendix D; and
- 5 Rescind Ministerial Order No. 2016-22 of the former department of Human Services.

DATED this 5th day of DECEMBER, 2018.

Irfan Sabir

Minister of Community and Social Services

APPENDIX A

***Income and Employment Supports Act
Schedule***

Core Essential Payment Rates

| Core Essential Payment | Section of the Schedule | Rate |
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| Food | 6(a)(ii) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One adult in a one adult household unit – maximum \$147/month• Each adult in a two-adult household unit – maximum \$140/month• Each dependent child in a household unit – maximum \$85/ month |
| Approved Home or Group Home | 6(a)(iv) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum monthly core essential payment amount as indexed, less \$143 |

APPENDIX B

Income Support, Training and Health Benefits Regulation Schedule 1 – Exempt Assets

| Exempt Asset | Section | Rate/ Type of Payment |
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| Registered Retirement Savings Plan | 1(1)(1) | \$5,000 or less per adult member. |
| Asset purchased with money from these types of payments | 1(1)(n.2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1986 -1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement other than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) under section 4.02 of the Agreement for loss of income, or (B) under section 6.01 of the Agreement for loss of support resulting from the death of the infected person. • Pre-1986/Post-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement; • Government of a province or territory of Canada as compensation for a member of the household unit having been infected with the HIV virus through the blood supply; • Received by a member of a household unit as a common experience payment or as an independent assessment process payment under the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement; • Roth/Fifield Class Action Settlement Agreement from the Government of Alberta; • A Slave Lake Wildfire Relief Payment or a payment under the Emergency Accommodation Program to persons subject to the mandatory evacuation order issued by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency in May 2011; • Japanese Canadian Redress Agreement; • Extraordinary Assistance Plan. • Disaster Recovery Program compensation made by the Government of Alberta in accordance with section 4 of the Disaster Recovery Regulation for the June 2013 floods. • Huronia Regional Centre class action settlement from the Government of Ontario |

APPENDIX C

Income Support, Training and Health Benefits Regulation Schedule 2 – Exempt Financial Resources

| Exempt Financial Resources | Section | Rate/Amount of Payment | |
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| Government of Alberta – Direct to Tenant Rent Supplement Program | 1(1)(j) | 100% of the payment | |
| Award or prize | 1(1)(p) | Maximum amount of \$3,500 in a 12 month period from August 1 to July 31. | |
| Cash gifts | 1(1)(q) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of \$900 per year for each member of the household. • 100% of the payment(s) issued by charitable organizations for the June 2013 floods. | |
| Duncan First Nation Land Settlement Claim | 1(1)(s) | \$1,000 | |
| O’Chiese First Nations Land Settlement Claim | | \$5,000 for every adult and \$5,000 in trust for every child. | |
| Bigstone Cree Nation and Peerless Trout First Nation Treaty 8 Land Settlement | | \$3,500 for every adult and \$3,500 in trust for every child. | |
| Mikisew Cree First Nation Settlement Agreement | | \$10,000 for every adult and \$10,000 in trust for every child. | |
| 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement | 1(1)(x) | 100% of the payment other than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A payment under Section 4.02 of the Agreement for loss of income, or • A payment under section 6.01 of the Agreement for loss of support resulting from the death of the infected person. These are not considered exempt financial resources. | |
| Pre-1986/Post-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement | | 100% of the payment. | |
| Government of a province or territory of Canada – HIV Virus | | 100% of the payment for a member of the household unit having been infected with the HIV virus through the blood supply. | |
| Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement | | 100% of the common experience payment or an independent assessment process payment. | |
| Japanese Canadian Redress Agreement | | 100% of the payment. | |
| Extraordinary Assistance Plan | | 100% of the payment. | |
| Huronian Regional Centre class action settlement | | 100% of the payment. | |
| Government of Alberta – Roth/Fifield Class Action | | 1(1)(y) | Varying amounts. |

| Exempt Financial Resources | Section | Rate/Amount of Payment |
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| Settlement Agreement | | |
| Government of Alberta Siksika Land Settlement Claim re Bassano Dam | | \$1,500 |
| Government of Alberta - Maintenance | | 100% of the payment for the maintenance costs of a person to whom a member of the household unit is providing or is responsible for providing care. |
| Government of Alberta – Emergency Accommodation Program | | 100% of the Slave Lake Wildfire Relief payment to persons subject to the mandatory evacuation order issued by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency in May 2011. |
| Government of Alberta – Disaster Recovery Program | | 100% of Disaster Recovery Program compensation made by the Government of Alberta in accordance with section 4 of the Disaster Recovery Regulation for the June 2013 floods. |
| Government of Canada or Alberta – Part-time Training | | <p>100% of the payment for part-time training costs as follows:</p> <p>If received by a member of an Expected to Work or Working, or a Barriers to Full Employment household unit, the funding as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part-time Canada Student Loan (Government of Canada); • Canada Student Grant for Part-time Studies (Government of Canada); • Canada Student Grant for Persons with Permanent Disabilities (Government of Canada); • Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Persons with Permanent Disabilities (Government of Canada); • Alberta Works Skills Investment Bursary (Government of Alberta); and the • Alberta Part-time Bursary (Government of Alberta). |
| Government of Canada or Alberta – Disability Related Employment Supports and/or Services | | <p>100% of the payment for Disability Related Employment Supports and/or Services to assist Albertans with disabilities to access full or part-time training and/or employment as follows:</p> <p>If received by a member of an Expected to Work or Working, or a Barriers to Full Employment household unit to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend any Department funded full or part-time training programs; and to • Obtain employment |

APPENDIX D

Income Support, Training and Health Benefit Regulation Schedule 4 – Supplementary Income Support

| Supplementary Income Support Payment or Allowance | Section | Rate |
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| Handicap | 2 | \$179/month |
| Personal Needs | 3 | \$80/ month |
| Earnings Replacement | 4 | \$88/month |
| Special Transportation and Travel | 6(2)(a) | The most economical and reasonable means of travel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actual cost of public transportation; • \$0.13 per kilometer for use of a personal vehicle; • Actual cost of taxi fare. |
| | 6(2)(b) | Food: \$11/day for an adult member and \$6/day for a child. |
| Additional Shelter | 8(a) and (b) | Maximum of \$307/month |
| | 8(c) | Maximum of \$307/month for a period that does not exceed the greater of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three months, or • in a household unit in the full-time learner category, the length of the full-time learner member's training period. <p>The Director may renew an amount under this section for subsequent three month periods if the Director is satisfied the conditions continue to exist.</p> |
| Isolated Community | 9 | \$41/month |
| Relocation | 13 | Actual costs of the move. |
| Household Start-up – Institution or Abuse | 14(a) | Up to \$1,021. Issued only once in the lifetime of the applicant or recipient. |
| | 14(b) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,021 for the cost of establishing a new principal residence; and • Actual costs of a damage deposit up to a maximum amount which is equivalent to the applicable core shelter payment for that household unit. |
| Employment training and transition support | 15(1) | Maximum of \$511 per calendar year for the following costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • associated with training or employment; • associated with operating a vehicle; • for transportation; |

| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for other goods and/or services that are essential for training or employment. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 15(2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actual cost of monthly transit pass; \$0.13 per kilometer for use of personal vehicle; Actual cost of a taxi. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Child Care | 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for child care provided by a relative, the actual cost up to a maximum of \$154/month per dependent child; for other private child care, the actual child care costs up to a maximum of \$5/hour for the first child plus \$2/hour for each additional child to a maximum of \$11/hour. Rates are rounded up to the nearest dollar. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Natal and Adoptive Needs | 17 | \$256/child | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Registered Education Savings Plan | 18(a) | \$100 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Child School Expense | 19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$52 a year per child in kindergarten; \$103 a year per child in grades 1 to 6; \$179 a year per child in grades 7 to 12. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Abusive Situation | 20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone Service: \$31/month; Transportation: \$62/month | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Special Diet | 21 | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Special Diet</th> <th>Not Provided in Combination With</th> <th>Monthly Rate/Adult or Child</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Low Sodium</td> <td></td> <td>\$21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Low Cholesterol or Low Fat</td> <td></td> <td>\$21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>High Fiber</td> <td></td> <td>\$21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>High Calcium</td> <td></td> <td>\$21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>High Protein</td> <td></td> <td>\$21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lactose Free</td> <td>Milk Free</td> <td>\$21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Low or High Potassium</td> <td></td> <td>\$21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Baby's needs - Pregnancy</td> <td></td> <td>\$26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Baby's needs Breastfeeding mother (of baby up to 12 months old)</td> <td></td> <td>\$31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Baby's needs – Infant formula</td> <td></td> <td>Up to \$205</td> </tr> <tr> <td>High Calorie (over 2,500)</td> <td></td> <td>\$37</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Special Diet | Not Provided in Combination With | Monthly Rate/Adult or Child | Low Sodium | | \$21 | Low Cholesterol or Low Fat | | \$21 | High Fiber | | \$21 | High Calcium | | \$21 | High Protein | | \$21 | Lactose Free | Milk Free | \$21 | Low or High Potassium | | \$21 | Baby's needs - Pregnancy | | \$26 | Baby's needs Breastfeeding mother (of baby up to 12 months old) | | \$31 | Baby's needs – Infant formula | | Up to \$205 | High Calorie (over 2,500) | | \$37 |
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| | | Low Sodium | | \$21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Low Cholesterol or Low Fat | | \$21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | High Fiber | | \$21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | High Calcium | | \$21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | High Protein | | \$21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Lactose Free | Milk Free | \$21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Low or High Potassium | | \$21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Baby's needs - Pregnancy | | \$26 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Baby's needs Breastfeeding mother (of baby up to 12 months old) | | \$31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baby's needs – Infant formula | | Up to \$205 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| High Calorie (over 2,500) | | \$37 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Milk Free | Lactose Free | \$52 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Celiac or Gluten Free | | \$82 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Renal Failure or Insufficiency | | \$113 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential Addictions Treatment | 22 | <p>Up to a maximum of \$40/day at one of the residential facilities as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonnyville: Bonnyville Indian Metis Rehabilitation Centre; • Calgary: Aventa Addiction Treatment for Women; Fresh Start Recovery Centre; Oxford House; 1835 House – Recovery Acres Society – Calgary; Salvation Army Centre of Hope; Sunrise Native Addiction Services Society; Simon House; Youville Women’s Residence; • Claresholm: Lander Treatment Centre; • Cold Lake: Lakeland Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Society’s 2nd Floor Women’s Recovery Centre; • Drumheller: Grace House; • Edmonton: Henwood Treatment Centre; Jellinek House; McDougall House Association; Our House; Oxford House; Recovery Acres Society – Edmonton; Salvation Army Transformations Program; • Fort McMurray: Fort McMurray Recovery Centre; • Grande Prairie: Business and Industry Clinic; Northern Addictions Centre: Residential Gambling Treatment Program; • High Level: Action North Recovery Centre; • Lethbridge: South Country Treatment Centre; Southern Alcare Manor • Lloydminster: Walter A. “Slim” Thorpe Recovery Centre; • St. Albert: Poundmaker’s Lodge Treatment Centres | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Utility Access | 23 | Actual costs. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Emergency | 26 | <p>Replacement clothes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of \$219 for each adult member and \$164 for each dependent child in the household unit; <p>Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$11/day for an adult member and \$6/day for a dependent child where the individual is outside of the community where he or she resides for more than a 24-hour period; or • \$23/month for each adult member in the household unit and \$15/month for each dependent child in the household unit if they are within the community where they reside; <p>Accommodation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actual cost of reasonable accommodation as approved by the Director for up to two weeks or until alternate accommodation is found; <p>Rental Arrears (unpaid rent that is not owing to extended family)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actual cost of rental arrears to a maximum of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$1,021, if the household unit has dependent children, or ○ \$358, if the household unit does not have dependent children; <p>Damage Deposit (if one has not been provided to the household unit in the previous three years for a purpose other than escaping abuse)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actual cost of a damage deposit to a maximum of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$1,021, if the household unit has dependent children, or ○ \$358, if the household unit does not have dependent children. <p>Utility Bills (unpaid)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actual cost; <p>Essential Repairs to the Home and Major Appliances (owned by the household unit that are required to address a serious health or safety risk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actual cost; <p>Goods and Services (not described in above)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum up to \$1,021 |
| Medical and Surgical | 27 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actual reasonable cost up to \$2,042 per item |