



ALBERTA

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Office of the Minister

**Ministerial Order
No. 2020-017**

WHEREAS the Government of Canada may provide temporary income support payments to eligible individuals who have lost employment or self-employment income because of COVID-19 and have not voluntarily quit their job or are eligible for Employment Insurance regular or sickness benefits;

AND WHEREAS the Canada Emergency Response Benefit will provide eligible Albertans with \$500 per week for up to 16 weeks (the eligibility period);

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1(l) of Table 1 of Schedule 1.1 of the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped General Regulation (the Regulation) under the *Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act*, the Minister may exempt a payment received from the Government of Canada from the determination of income;

I, RAJAN SAWHNEY, Minister of Community and Social Services:

1. Pursuant to section 1(l) of Table 1 of Schedule 1.1 of the Regulation, exempt Canada Emergency Response Benefit payments received from the Government of Canada by an existing client or a cohabiting partner, by adding the amount of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit payment to income listed in Table 2 received by a client or to income listed in Table 3 received by a cohabiting partner, if any, and applying the deductions in Schedule 1.1, sections 1(4)(a)(i) and 1(4)(b)(i) of the Regulation, as applicable; and
2. In calculating the exemption under paragraph 1, any lump sum Canada Emergency Response Benefit payments must be prorated at \$500 per week over the portion of the eligibility period for which the lump sum payment is paid

DATED this 23 day of APRIL, 2020.

Rajan Sawhney
Minister of Community and Social Services