

## What are personal benefits?

Personal benefits assist clients with specific one-time or ongoing expenses over and above the monthly living allowance or modified living allowance.

Personal benefits are available to AISH clients who:

- have non-exempt assets of \$3,000 or less or have exceptional circumstances of financial hardship;
- have an identified need; and
- are not eligible to receive the benefit from any other program or source.

Clients must meet eligibility requirements depending on the type of personal benefit.

## What personal benefits are available?

### Addictions Treatment

Assist with the cost of room and board at an AADAC approved residential addictions treatment program. Rate: \$40/day.

### Childcare

- Daycare/licensed family day home - parent portion of subsidized daycare rate.
- Private rate up to \$4/hour for first child plus \$1.50/hour for each additional child to maximum of \$8.50/hour.

### Children's Education

Assist with expenses related to the education of a dependent child. School expenses rate:

- Age 4 or older and in Kindergarten or preschool: \$50/school year.
- Grades 1 to 6: \$100/school year.
- Grades 7 to 12: \$175/school year.

Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan rate: One-time payment of \$100 per dependent child.

### Emergency

Assist with costs for reasonable and essential goods and services in an emergency situation that is beyond the client's control.

Accommodation Rate: Actual most economical.

Childcare Rate: Actual most economical.

Damage Deposit Rate: Up to \$350 per client or \$1000 per client with a dependent child.

Eviction Rate: Up to \$350 per client or \$1000 per client with a dependent child.

Food Rate: up to \$20/day per adult, up to \$10/day per child.

Home and Major Appliances Repairs Rate: Actual most economical.

Replacement Clothing Rate: \$214/adult, \$160/child.

Transportation Rate: Actual most economical.

Utility Arrears Rate: Actual.

Other Emergency Goods and Services Rate: Most economical up to \$1,000.

## Employment and Training Supports

Assist with the costs of applications, deposits, registration and testing fees, tools or other work related goods and services. Rate: Actual, up to \$300 in a 12-month period.

## Funeral Expenses

Assist with the cost of funeral arrangements for AISH clients, cohabiting partners or dependent children. Rate: As per agreements between the Department and Funeral Services providers.

## Infant Care

Assist with the costs of items for the care of an infant who is a dependent child. Rate: \$250 once per infant.

## Moving

Assist with the costs related to establishing a new principal residence due to:

- Confirmed employment in Canada for the client or cohabiting partner;
- Adapted accommodation for the client's or dependent child's disability;
- Current accommodations endangering health of the client or dependent child; or
- Client moving to another province for financial or social support.

Rate: Actual most economical.

- Escaping a situation where the client or their dependent child is being abused; or
- Client leaving an institution.

Rate: \$1,000.

## Remote Community

Assist with the increased costs of maintaining a principal residence in a remote community.

Rate: \$40/month for the client and each dependent child.

## Special Goods and Services

Assist with costs of medically required goods and services essential to manage the client's disability.

Medical Supplies, Products or Equipment Rate:

- Actual cost up to \$2,000 per item.
- Maximum \$400/month for supplies or products (e.g. humidifier, ionizer, etc.)

Maintenance of Equipment Rate:

- Hearing aid repairs: up to \$200.
- Manual chair repair: \$450 in a 12-month period.
- Power chair or scooter: \$600 in a 12-month period.
- Power chair or scooter batteries: \$570.

Medical Alert Service Rate:

- Start-up and Monthly Fee: Least-cost alternative.

Service Animal Rate: \$50/month.

Specialized Clothing Rate:

Actual, up to \$300 in a 12-month period.

## Special Diet Rate:

- Low Sodium, Low Fat/Low Cholesterol, High Fiber, High Calcium, High Protein, Lactose Free, High/Low Potassium: \$20/month.
- Pregnancy: \$25/month.
- Breast Feeding up to 12 months: \$30/month.
- High Calorie (over 2500 cal.), AIDS/HIV/ Hepatitis C: \$36/month.
- Heart Healthy, Diabetic: \$40/month.
- Milk Free: \$50/month.
- Celiac/Gluten Free: \$80/month.
- Renal Failure/Insufficiency: \$110/month.

The only benefits available to assist the dependent child are:

- Medical supplies or equipment; or
- Maintenance of equipment; or
- Special diet.

## Travel

Assist with the costs of traveling for health-related services, court attendance, training or attendance at a structured program.

Rate: Cost for bus pass, taxi fare, mileage at \$0.30/km or the actual cost by most economic means if public transit is not available.

When you must leave your community to access health-related services, attend court, access training or a structured program, you may be eligible for:

Accommodation Rate: Actual most economical.

Childcare Rate: Actual most economical.

Food Rate: Up to \$20/day per adult, up to \$10/day per child.