



<i>Act/Regulation</i> <i>Social Assistance Act Reg. 19.1, 30</i> <i>Supports for Persons with</i> <i>Disabilities Act Gen. Reg. 32(2)(3)</i>	Program	Social Assistance, AccessAbility Supports	
	Subject	Transitional Support Benefits	Policy # SA 3.7 AAS 4.7
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1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide supports to applicants of Social Assistance (SA) or Assured Income (AI) who transition out of SA or AI by obtaining employment to assist applicants in achieving long-term success and independence of Social Programs.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 **Applicant:** a person who applies for or on whose behalf an application is made for SA or AI.

2.2 **Assured Income (AI):** a component of AccessAbility Supports (AAS) that provides monthly financial benefits to eligible applicants with disabilities to use towards securing basic needs.

2.3 **Recipient:** a person who is provided SA or AI and includes a person whose SA or AI have been suspended but not cancelled.

2.4 **Supports Coordinator:** a staff member that provides direction and case management support in delivering a range of social benefits and services to applicants eligible for Social Programs.

2.5 **Support Needs Assessment (SNA):** a systematic process for determining an applicant’s eligibility and identifying potential support needs of applicants for SA.

2.6 **Transitional Supports (TS):** Prescription drug and optical benefits provided to an applicant of SA or AI for a period of up to 24 months after an applicant no longer qualifies for SA or AI as a result of obtaining employment.

3.0 POLICY STATEMENT

3.1 For the purposes of this policy, use of the word applicant is inclusive of recipient.

- 3.2 Applicants who obtain employment and transition out of SA or AI are eligible to receive optical benefits and prescription drug coverage in accordance with policy for up to 24 months.
- 3.3 Applicants in receipt of Employment Insurance (EI) benefits are not eligible to receive TS.

4.0 PROCEDURE STATEMENT

- 4.1 The Supports Coordinator will assess the applicant's eligibility for TS benefits by completing the Transitional Supports Assessment in their electronic file.
- 4.2 Supports Coordinators may extend TS benefits in excess of 24 months when necessary to support the applicant's continued employment by consulting with the program supervisor or manager prior to approval.
- 4.3 The Supports Coordinator will review the applicant's eligibility for TS benefits at minimum once every 12 months or when there has been a significant change in the circumstances of the applicant.

5.0 REFERENCES

- 5.1 AccessAbility Supports Policy 3.8.1 Vision & Eye Care
- 5.2 Social Assistance Policy 6.7 Vision & Eye Care
- 5.3 AccessAbility Supports Policy 3.8 Medical Supports
- 5.4 Social Assistance Policy 5.7 Prescription Drugs

HISTORY:

September 4, 2021: Editorial, content, and format changes. Replaces AccessAbility Policy 3.9 – Employment & Transitional Supports; now applies to Social Assistance & AccessAbility Supports.

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