



	Program	AccessAbility Supports	
	Subject	Assured Income - Description	Policy # 3.1
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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 Assured Income provides financial support for individuals/families with disabilities that may not be able to provide for basic needs such as shelter, food and other essentials.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **Applicant:** a person who applies for AccessAbility Supports (AAS), on whose behalf an application is made, or a person who receives AAS.
- 2.2 **Assured Income (AI):** a component of AAS that provides monthly financial supports to eligible applicants with disabilities to use towards securing their basic needs.
- 2.3 **Eligible Expenses and Income:** all allowable expenses or income that is used to determine eligibility for AI.
- 2.4 **Person with a disability:** a person with a substantial physical, intellectual, sensory, neurological, or mental impairment that is continuous or recurrent and is expected to last for at least one year and the direct and cumulative effect of the impairment on the person's ability to attend to his or her personal care, function in the community, or function in a workplace results in a substantial restriction in one or more of these activities of daily living.

3.0 POLICY STATEMENT

- 3.1 A person with a disability may request AI through AAS to assist in providing for their basic needs.
- 3.2 Eligible applicants can access funds from the following AI components:
- Essentials (clothing, household supplies, personal requirements, and local transportation)
 - Food Allowance
 - Shelter Supports
 - Communication Supports (telephone and/or internet)
 - Special Needs (ie. optical, dental, furniture)
 - Medical Supports
 - Transportation

- Community Living Expense

3.3 The provision of AI is based on the applicant's basic needs and takes into consideration the applicant's and/or family's eligible expenses and income to determine a monthly entitlement.

4.0 PROCEDURE STATEMENT

4.1 Applicants of AAS may request AI to assist in providing for their basic needs in addition to disability specific funded supports.

4.2 The AAS Coordinator will work with the applicant to assess basic and special needs funding requirements. Applicants and/or their families must provide verification of eligible expenses and eligible income. Eligibility will be established based on a budget deficit calculation.

4.3 The applicant's funding requirements will be reviewed yearly with the AAS Coordinator. Additional reviews may be required if circumstances change for applicants (ie. increased needs or changes to personal income).

HISTORY: