

	Program	AccessAbility Supports	
	Subject	Assured Income – Supports for Increased Shelter Rates	Policy # 3.4.1
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1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide financial support for basic shelter costs to applicants with exceptional shelter needs.

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 **Allowable Shelter Rate:** the rate set out for shelter as per the Schedule of Allowable Shelter Rates

3.0 POLICY STATEMENT

3.1 Applicants of Assured Income (AI) with exceptional needs resulting in increased shelter costs should be able to access the support they need for appropriate accommodations.

4.0 PROCEDURE STATEMENT

4.1 Applicants who have undergone a change in family circumstances resulting in a decrease in family size should not face hardship. The applicant may continue to receive the allowable shelter rate for the larger family size for a period of 12 months, or until the applicant secures new accommodations to reduce the shelter expense.

4.2 For applicants with exceptional housing needs, the department may approve reasonable shelter rates beyond the Schedule of Allowable Shelter Rates in the following circumstances;

- Persons who have special accessibility requirements or other specific need related directly to their disability;
- Persons who have a history of problems which prevent them from living within the allowable shelter rates;
- Where relocation would cause significant disruption to an individual's support networks; and
- Clients with existing mortgages.

- 4.3 Applicants may also be approved for a reasonable shelter rate beyond the Schedule of Allowable Shelter Rates for up to three months when the applicant has been forced to seek new accommodations due to circumstances beyond their control, such as fire or family violence.
- 4.4 Notwithstanding 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3, allowable shelter rates should not be exceeded for the sole purpose of qualifying for a PEI Pharmacare Program.

5.0 REFERENCES

Assured Income – Shelter Policy

HISTORY: