



<i>Act/Regulations</i> <i>Supports for Persons with Disabilities Act Reg. 41</i>	Program	AccessAbility Supports	
	Subject	Community Living Expense	Policy # 6.11
Effective Date: April 1, 2023		Authorized by: Deputy Minister Teresa Hennebery	

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide financial support for community living expenses for eligible applicants of Assured Income (AI).

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 **Applicant:** a person with a disability by whom or on whose behalf an application is made for supports or Assured Income (AI).

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

2.3 **Co-Applicant:** the spouse of an applicant, and includes a person who, although not married to the applicant, lives with the applicant as if they were married.

2.4 **Community Living Expense:** a monthly allowance issued to applicants in receipt of AI to be used to support social inclusion and full citizenship in the community.

2.5 **Dependent:** a child of either an applicant or co-applicant who is either under 18 years of age and living with the applicant, or 18 years of age or over, but under 25 years of age and attending a full-time education program and is not receiving SA or AI.

2.6 **Recipient:** a person with a disability to or for whom supports are provided and includes a person whose supports, or AI has been suspended but not cancelled.

2.7 **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 AAS.

3.0 POLICY STATEMENTS

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

3.2 A community living expense is intended to provide disposable income to an applicant to support social inclusion and full citizenship in the community without reference to a level of disability related need.

3.3 Applicants in receipt of AI are eligible to receive financial benefits for community living expenses of \$150 per month. Where both the applicant and co-applicant are in receipt of disability-related supports through AAS, both persons are eligible for the benefit.

3.4 Dependents are not eligible to receive a community living expense.

4.0 PROCEDURE STATEMENTS

4.1 The Supports Coordinator is responsible to verify the applicant and co-applicant's eligibility for a community living expense and to review the amount calculated in the applicant's electronic file to ensure accuracy.

4.2 Where the co-applicant is eligible for a community living expense, the Supports Coordinator is responsible to manually add the expense to the co-applicant's electronic workbook.

4.3 Applicants are not required to provide verification of expenditures to receive a community living allowance.

HISTORY

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