



	Program	Seniors Independence Initiative	
	Subject	Funding Levels	Policy # 1.3
Effective Date: April 1, 2021		Authorized by:	
Revised Date: December 1, 2022		Deputy Minister Jamie MacDonald	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide funding toward the cost of eligible services for lower income eligible seniors, and to provide a greater percentage of funding toward those costs to applicants with the lowest incomes.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **Applicant:** a person who has applied for, on whose behalf an application is made, or is in receipt of funding through the Seniors Independence Initiative (SII).
- 2.2 **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.
- 2.3 **Income:** the combined income from the applicant and co-applicant as taken from income information from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).
- 2.4 **Senior:** a person who is 65 years of age or older, is legally entitled to remain in Canada, and maintains his or her primary residence in Prince Edward Island.

3.0 POLICY STATEMENT

- 3.1 SII provides funding for practical services that support seniors to remain in their own homes and communities.

4.0 PROCEDURAL STATEMENTS

- 4.1 Social Supports Coordinators review the income of the applicant and co-applicant to determine the level of funding for which they may qualify, based on SII Eligibility Policy 1.1 and the Income Threshold Table (attached).
- 4.2 The Social Supports Coordinator will determine the benefit cap of the applicant based on the Income Threshold Table.
- 4.3 The Social Supports Coordinator will issue payment for the cost of eligible services, up to the benefit cap, to assist the applicant with the cost of needed supports.
- 4.4 The Social Supports Coordinator will work collaboratively with the applicant to determine whether monthly or yearly payments are appropriate. Payments made through

SII are paid directly to the applicant. Payments for services, to service providers, or to family members who reside outside the home, are the responsibility of the applicant.

5.0 REFERENCE

5.1 Policy 1.1 – Eligibility

6.0 ATTACHMENTS

6.1 Income Threshold Table

6.2 Appendix – SII Suite of Services

HISTORY:

April 1, 2022: Communication has been added to the suite of services; entitlement amounts have increased.

December 1, 2022: Income thresholds have been increased for singles and couples applying to the program and a new benefit amount has been added to allow for a higher income threshold.

Income Threshold Table

Singles – Annual Entitlement Amount	
Annual income <i>(as per Section 4.6 in policy 1.1 Eligibility)</i>	Entitlement Amount
Up to \$22,253	\$1,700
\$22,254 - \$25,753	\$1,325
\$25,754 - \$29,253	\$950
\$29,254 - \$32,753	\$575

Couples – Annual Entitlement Amount	
Annual Income <i>(as per Section 4.6 in policy 1.1 Eligibility)</i>	Entitlement Amount
Up to \$31,470	\$1,700
\$31,471 - \$34,970	\$1,325
\$34,971 - \$38,470	\$950
\$38,471 - \$41,970	\$575

SII Suite of Service Appendix

<p>Suite of Services: Funded services to support the applicant with the cost of practical services to make it easier to remain in their own homes and communities.</p>	
Grass Cutting	Services include cutting of grass on the property.
Home Maintenance	Services include, but are not limited to, interior and exterior home maintenance, such as painting, floor and wall repairs, basic plumbing, yard work, storm cleanup, leaves, damage repair, fence repairs, trash removal, and stacking wood.
Housekeeping	Services include, but are not limited to, housecleaning, organizing, and laundry services.
Lifeline Medical Alert System	Services include, but are not limited to, the cost of the device and the recurring monthly fees associated with the system.
Meal Preparation	Services include, but are not limited to, meal planning, meal preparation, and the Meals on Wheels program.
Snow Removal	Services include, but are not limited to, snow removal from driveways, entrances, patios, porches, and stairs.
Transportation	Services include, but are not limited to, transportation for health related appointment, errands (such as grocery shopping or banking), and the cost of parking passes for seniors.
Communication	Services include, but are not limited to, the cost of a communication device, such as computer modems, wi-fi devices, Bluetooth devices, network cards (ethernet), smartphones.