

Who can receive AISH?

The Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program will provide financial assistance (living allowance), supplementary assistance (child benefits and personal benefits) and health-related assistance (health benefits) to you if you are an adult with a disability that substantially limits your ability to earn a livelihood. Your disability has to be permanent (e.g. you have exhausted all opportunities for rehabilitation and training).

What benefits are provided?

AISH Living Allowance

As an AISH client, you are eligible to receive a maximum monthly living allowance of \$1,588. The amount you will receive will depend on your and your cohabiting partner's income.

Modified Living Allowance

If you are an AISH client who lives in a facility (e.g. nursing home), you are eligible to receive a maximum monthly modified allowance (Modified AISH) consisting of an accommodation rate plus a maximum personal allowance of \$315. The amount you will receive each month will depend on your and your cohabiting partner's income. For more information regarding accommodation rates, see the Living in a Facility Tip Sheet.

Health Benefits

As an AISH client, you, your cohabiting partner and dependent children may also receive health benefits including dental, optical, prescription drugs, essential diabetic supplies, emergency ambulance services and exemption from the Alberta Aids to Daily Living co-pay fee.

What additional benefits are provided?

In addition to the living allowance and health benefits, you may be eligible to receive a child benefit or personal benefits. To be eligible, you and your cohabiting partner must have \$3,000 or less in assets (or be in circumstances of financial hardship), demonstrate a need for the benefit and cannot be eligible to receive the benefit from another program or source.