



ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE SUPPLEMENTS

There is a selection of supplements available through the Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction (MSDPR) to assist with a variety of needs including medical expenses, unexpected expenses and other assortment of benefits.

To Be Eligible

There are 3 different categories of income assistance (IA). They are: **Employable** (regular IA), **Person with Persistent Multiple Barriers** (PPMB) and **Person with Disabilities** (PWD). Persons who are deemed eligible for IA and PPMB may be able to get some General and Health supplements, while other additional supplements are only available if a person or the family has the PWD status.

All Income Assistance and PPMB Recipients receive:

General

- BC Bus Pass Program (age restricted –over 60)
- Camp Fees Supplement
- Christmas Supplement
- Clothing Supplement
- Co-op Share Purchase
- Crisis Supplement
- Family Bonus Supplement
- Family Maintenance
- Funeral Costs
- Guide Dog and Service Dog
- Identification Supplement
- Lost or Stolen Cheque Supplement
- Moving, Transportation and Living Costs
- Pre-Natal Shelter
- School Start-Up Supplement
- Security Deposit Supplement
- Travel Supplement
- Utility Security Deposit

Health

- Alcohol & Drug Residential Treatment Supplement
- Dental Supplement
- Diet Supplement
- Extended Medical Therapies
- Hearing Aids Supplement
- Infant Formula Supplement
- Medical Supplies, Equipment & Devices
- Medical Transportation
- Natal Supplement
- *Nutritional Supplement
- Optical Supplement
- Orthotics & Bracing
- Tube Feeding Supplement

PWD Recipients receive General and Health supplements and additionally:

- Community Volunteer
- Life Threatening Health Needs
- *Monthly Nutritional Supplement
- PWD Bus Pass Program
- Reconsideration or Appeal Supplement
- Transport to Special Care Facilities

***Nutritional Supplements** are available for IA, PPMB, and PWD recipients. **Monthly Nutritional Supplement** are only for PWD recipients.

Assessing Eligibility

Eligibility for some supplements are determined by the worker while others require a form to be completed or through an assessment done by a medical professions (for example, an occupational therapist). Then the request goes to the Health Assistance Branch of the Ministry where they will determine eligibility for the supplement.

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