



## ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE SUPPLEMENTS

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There is a selection of supplements available through the Ministry of Social Development & Social Innovation (MSDSI) 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 or statuses when on income assistance. They are: **Employable** (regular income assistance), **Person with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB)** and **Person with Disabilities (PWD)**. Persons who are deemed eligible for Income Assistance (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
- Nutritional Supplement
- PWD Bus Pass Program
- Reconsideration or Appeal Supplement
- Transport to Special Care Facilities

### Assessing Eligibility

Eligibility for some supplements are determined by the worker while others require a form to be completed or an assessment by a medical professions such as an occupational therapist and the request goes into the Health Assistance Branch of the Ministry.

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