

Additional Benefits and Support Programs

Along with Social Assistance, there are a number of other potential benefits or programs you may qualify for, based on your unique needs and situation. Eligibility needs are assessed.

Career Development Opportunities (CDO): Connects Social Assistance clients to training or employment opportunities. Other benefits to help pay for related expenses, including child care, textbooks, and work clothes, may also be available.

Day Care: This benefit helps parents/legal guardians who wish to access training or employment opportunities and need child care.

Emergencies: Immediate and temporary help in the case of an emergency to help cover the cost of basic needs such as accommodations and meals.

Funerals: Helps New Brunswick families who are unable to pay for funeral costs. Eligibility is assessed on a case-by-case basis depending on household income and living expenses.

Health Card: A health card may be issued to low-income individuals who are not eligible for social assistance but have high medical costs and no private health plan. Items available could include prescription drugs, medical services and supplies and medical equipment.

Prenatal Benefits: Assists pregnant women with the increased cost of food during their pregnancy.

Special Benefits/Supplements: Assistance above and beyond the standard entitlement to help with unique circumstances.

Fuel Supplement: This benefit helps with increased heating costs in the winter.

Household Furnishings: This special benefit may be available to clients in priority groups to repair or buy appliances and furniture.

Medical Transportation: This special benefit may be available to clients who require transportation for medical reasons or who require food and shelter when making medical trips outside the region or province.

Treatment Program Transportation: This special benefit may be available to clients who require daily transportation to a pharmacy or clinic to receive methadone within a treatment program.

Income Supplement: Available to families with at least one dependent under 19 who pay more than 30% of their basic unit rate toward rent costs or whose board costs total more than 30% of their basic unit rate after 30% of the board costs are deducted to consider food costs.