



Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID)

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What is the SAID program?

SAID is a new income support program for people with significant and enduring disabilities. SAID has been developed collaboratively by government and the disability community.

Why a new program?

In Saskatchewan, people with disabilities asked for an income support program that addresses the unique needs of people with long-term disabilities.

Saskatchewan now has a unique income support program that responds to the needs of people with significant and enduring disabilities.

Who is eligible?

Currently, only individuals with significant and enduring disabilities living in residential care settings are eligible for SAID.

For the purposes of SAID, a **significant** and **enduring** disability is one that:

- has a substantial impact on daily living activities;
- requires a person to have an aid, device, a service animal or human support; and
- is one that is or is likely to be of a **permanent** or **indefinite** nature and either **continuously** or **periodically** for extended periods.

What if I live on my own and not in a residential care facility?

Beginning June 2012, SAID will be expanded to include people who are living independently. Individuals currently receiving a disability benefit through the Saskatchewan Assistance Program (SAP) are being invited to apply for SAID. An application and disability impact assessment package will be mailed out. Completed applications will be reviewed to determine whether the applicant is eligible for SAID.

For further information on
SAID call:

1-888-567-SAID (7243)

or visit the ministry
website at:

www.socialservices.gov.sk.ca/SAID



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How will I be able to apply for SAID?

- If you have a disability and are receiving SAP benefits you can apply by completing the application and assessment package that will be mailed to you between January and May 2012.
- If you are not receiving income support through SAP and think you might be eligible for SAID, please call the SAID inquiry line at: 1-888-567-SAID (7243) for more information.

How will SAID benefits be different from SAP?

When SAID is expanded, several key differences between SAID and SAP will become apparent:

- **Benefits** – the benefits for SAID are currently \$50 higher than for SAP. A commitment has been made to further increase the benefits for SAID, starting later in 2012 (see below: **How much will SAID benefits be?**)
- **Benefit Structure** – the *Task Team on Income Support for People with Disabilities* recommended in their final report (2009) that SAID benefits include three main components:
 - Living Income
 - Disability Income
 - Exceptional Need Income

The Ministry is working with the disability community on the development of each of these components.

- **Other Enhancements** – the *Task Team on Income Support for People with Disabilities* also recommended changes to the way in which services are provided to people receiving SAID benefits. These changes will be developed in collaboration with the disability community and implemented as SAID continues to be developed.
- **Supplementary Health Benefits** – SAID recipients will continue to receive the same coverage through the Ministry of Health that is now provided through SAP.

How much will SAID benefits be?

- Effective January 1, 2012, SAID beneficiaries living in residential care received a \$50 per month benefit increase.
- SAID beneficiaries can now also receive an inheritance or life insurance payment of up to \$100,000 without any change in their ongoing benefits.
- Over the next four years, benefits will increase by:
 - \$100 per month on average for individuals living in residential care settings;
 - \$350 per month on average for individuals living independently (\$200 beginning June 2012); and
 - \$400 per month on average for couples (\$230 beginning June 2012).

Where can I find more information about SAID?

For more information about SAID, please call the SAID Inquiry Line:

Outside of Regina

1-888-567-SAID (7243)
TTY: 1-866-995-0099

In Regina

798-SAID (7243)
TTY: 787-1065

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