

Chapter 9: Special Needs Benefit

(vii) Guaranteed Income Supplement Supplement (GISS)

Intent:	To provide additional Income Support benefits to recipients who are in receipt of the Old Age Security Guaranteed Income Supplement.
Act: (if applicable)	N/A
Regulations:	19.(1)(f) for an applicant or recipient who is receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement, an amount of \$105, but where an applicant and his or her spouse or cohabiting partner are both receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement, an amount of \$55.
Overview: (if applicable)	N/A
Policy:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Guaranteed Income Supplement Supplement (GISS) is provided to recipients in receipt of the Old Age Security Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS). • For the purpose of GISS, single recipient means only one adult is in receipt of the GIS. • If the recipient or spouse is receiving the Blind Persons Supplement, the amount of the GISS cannot exceed \$36/month. If both the recipient and spouse are receiving a Blind Persons Supplement, they are not eligible for the GISS. • If the recipient and/or spouse become eligible for the Blind Persons Supplement after receiving the GISS, the amount of the GISS is reduced to \$36/month. If both the recipient and spouse are receiving a Blind Persons Supplement there is no eligibility for the GISS.
Procedure:	<p>Client Services Officers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify the recipient and/or spouse is in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement, not just Old Age Security (OAS). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Note: If the recipient is only receiving OAS he/she has other income greater than the GIS.

- Determine if the recipient and/or spouse is receiving the Blind Persons Supplement.
- Add the appropriate amount of the GISS based on how many recipients on the case are receiving the GIS and/or if one or both recipients are receiving the Blind Persons Supplement.

Authority Level: Client Services Officer

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