

**Chapter 6: Shelter Benefits:**

**(v) Cost of Living Allowance for Coastal Labrador**

<b>Intent:</b>	To clarify which Income Support recipients residing in specific coastal Labrador communities are eligible to receive the Cost of Living Allowance.
<b>Act:</b> (if applicable)	N/A
<b>Regulations:</b>	<p>Other income support</p> <p>19. (1) Other monthly income support for which an applicant or recipient may be eligible is:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(h) for a recipient maintaining a residence in a coastal Labrador community, an amount of \$150;</p>
<b>Overview:</b> (if applicable)	N/A
<b>Policy:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible clients residing in coastal Labrador communities from Nain to L'Anse au Clair (excludes the central and western Labrador communities of North West River, Sheshatshiu, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Mud Lake, Churchill Falls, Wabush and Labrador City) may receive a Cost of Living Allowance to offset the higher costs found in those communities.</li> <li>• The amount of this benefit is found in <a href="#">Appendix B. 5</a>. This allowance will be available to clients who are receiving family/individual benefits while maintaining their own home/rental unit, and families with dependents who are in board and lodging arrangements in these communities.</li> <li>• The Cost of Living Allowance is a benefit of basic Income Support that is restricted to those residing in the communities specified above.</li> </ul>
<b>Procedure:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Client Services Officer determines eligibility based on current policy and arranges to add the requirement to an Income Support recipient's file in CAPS.</li> <li>• Eligibility for this allowance must be reconfirmed if there is a change in accommodations, address or family composition. The Cost of Living Allowance will be discontinued for:</li> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Clients who move from an eligible community to a non-eligible community</li><li>○ Single clients maintaining a home who move to a board and lodging arrangement</li><li>○ Families in board and lodging arrangements where there are no longer children/dependent students included in the allowance.</li></ul> |
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<b>Authority Level:</b>	Client Services Officers
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