



# Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID)

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### *What is the SAID program?*

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

### *What is the vision of the SAID program?*

Saskatchewan citizens with significant and enduring disabilities have access to an assured income program based on the impact of a person's disability, offering the dignity of greater choice of services and increasing a person's participation in community. Continued collaboration between government and the disability community as the SAID program is developed ensures Saskatchewan is the best place to live in Canada for citizens with a disability.

### *Who is eligible?*

- A person who is a Saskatchewan resident,
- Is 18 years of age or older,
- Lacks the financial resources to provide for their basic needs, and
- Has a significant and enduring disability that:
  - is likely to be of a permanent or indefinite nature, either continuously or periodically for extended periods,
  - substantially impacts daily living activities, and
  - requires the person to use an assistive aid, device, or service animal or human supports.

### *How can I apply for SAID?*

- If you have a disability and are receiving Saskatchewan Assistance Program (SAP) benefits, you can apply by completing an application and assessment package. To obtain an application and assessment package, please contact your Income Assistance Worker.
- 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 or visit the nearest Ministry of Social Services office.

For further information on  
SAID call:

**1-888-567-SAID (7243)**

or visit the Ministry  
website at:

[www.socialservices.gov.sk.ca/SAID](http://www.socialservices.gov.sk.ca/SAID)



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## ***How is SAID different from the Saskatchewan Assistance Program (SAP)?***

Some of the key differences between SAID and SAP include:

- Benefits – the benefits for SAID are higher than for SAP. Effective June 1, 2012, SAID benefits are \$90/month higher for persons in residential care settings, \$200/month higher for singles living independently, and \$230/month higher for couples living independently.
- Benefit Structure – as recommended by the Task Team on Income Support for People with Disabilities, SAID benefits include three main components:
  1. The Living Income is a fixed amount of monthly income that allows beneficiaries the opportunity to make decisions and have more control over how to spend their income. Participants make decisions on how much to spend on shelter, food, and other items.
  2. The Disability Income is intended to assist with costs related to the impact of disability.
  3. The Exceptional Need Income is to assist with a number of special circumstances. For example, additional income is available for clothing recommended by a health professional, special food items, food and grooming costs associated with service animals, and homecare.
- The presence of a significant and enduring disability is determined by a Disability Impact Assessment. SAID beneficiaries are supported by Assured Income Specialists who are available in 20 service centres across the province and provide the following services:
  - Help with applications
  - Case planning support
  - Referrals to other organizations that provide services
  - Identifying other Ministry programs for which the person may be eligible

## ***What types of health benefits are available for SAID beneficiaries?***

- Once eligibility is determined, SAID beneficiaries may be eligible for supplementary health coverage through the Ministry of Health.
- Call 1-800-266-0695 (Regina 787-3124) for enquiries about prescription drugs, dental and optical services, the hearing aid plan and other medical services.

## ***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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