

Chapter 9: Special Needs Benefits

(xii) Earned Income Supplement (EIS)

Intent:	To provide an overview of the Earned Income Supplement for single parents in receipt of Income Support.
Act: (if applicable)	N/A
Regulations:	N/A
Overview: (if applicable)	The Earned Income Supplement (EIS) is a pilot program available to all employed single parents in NL who are eligible for Income Support benefits.
Policy:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single parent is defined as a single adult receiving Income Support in their own right, who has a dependent child(ren) or a dependent adult(s) (age 18-21) living in their home. • All employed single parents in receipt of insurable earnings, regardless of where they live or whether they are involved in an approved job preparedness program, are eligible for the EIS benefits. • When determining eligibility for a new applicant, the EIS cannot be used as a requirement within the past 60 days; however, once eligibility has been established, EIS can be added as a requirement for employed single parents on the monthly supplement for future benefits. • The maximum EIS entitlement is \$348/month. • If the only dependent of a single parent is removed from their Income Support file, the EIS benefit can continue for a period of three months. • If a single parent becomes married or enters into a conjugal relationship, there will be no eligibility for the EIS benefit. • Income from Job Creation Projects and other non-insurable employment are not EIS eligible.

Procedure:	Non-Recurring Clients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To determine the amount of eligibility, CSO's should take 30% of the net earnings (after deductions of income tax, EI premiums etc., but prior to applying earnings exemptions or expenses such as transportation) and then deduct \$75. CSO's must still calculate the income based on the number of days the pay covers (for example pay/28 x 30). However, the hourly rates and number of hours are not a factor when calculating the EIS benefit amount. For example, if a single parent receives net earnings of \$280 biweekly, the EIS is calculated as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Net Income is: $\\$280/14 \times 30 = \\600 per month EIS requirement is $\\$600 \times 30\% = \\180. $\\$180 - \\$75 = \\$105$ For clients who require assistance with job maintenance, staff will continue to follow the current process. Intake Applicants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When determining eligibility, staff will continue to follow the rules set out in Regulation 9. EIS cannot be used as a requirement in determining eligibility; however, once eligibility has been established EIS can be provided as a requirement on future benefits for employed single parents. For example, a single parent who has ongoing earnings of \$750/month will have only basic benefits and rent/mortgage as a requirement in the 60 day assessment. Once eligibility has been established, the EIS amount of \$150 [$(\\$750 \times 30\%) - \\$75$] can then be added as a requirement.
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