

WHY A NEW PROGRAM?

People with disabilities asked for an income support program that is separate from the Saskatchewan Assistance Program (SAP). They asked for a program just for the **unique needs of people with significant and long-term disabilities.**

Community advocates and government are working together to provide guidance for the development of the SAID Program.

HOW MUCH ARE SAID BENEFITS?

SAID benefits are different for each person. Call the SAID inquiry line for information about the benefits you could receive.

Benefits will include:

- Basic Needs
- Disability Needs
- Supplementary Health Benefits

Over time, the government will have the chance to review SAID. This review will make sure SAID meets the unique needs of people with significant and long-term disabilities.

WHO DO I CONTACT?

For more information or to talk with someone who knows about SAID:

SAID inquiry line:

1-888-567- SAID (7243)

TTY: 1-866-995-0099

If you are in Regina, call:

798-SAID (7243)

TTY: 787-1065

Visit the Ministry of Social Services Website:

www.socialservices.gov.sk.ca/SAID

Visit the Saskatchewan Disability Income Support

Coalition (DISC) website:

<http://www.saskdisc.ca/>

**People of
Saskatchewan with
significant and
long-term disabilities
will be better served
by the new
SAID program.**

DISC

Saskatchewan Disability Income Support Coalition



For the first time, people with significant and long-term disabilities in Saskatchewan will have their own separate and unique income support program.

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WHAT IS SAID?

SAID is a new income support program. It is for people who have the kind of disabilities that keep them from working.

SAID is voluntary. This means that it is up to you to decide if you want to apply for SAID.

You might be on SAP (Saskatchewan Assistance Program) right now. With SAP you need to show proof of your disability every year. With SAID you will need to show proof of your disability every three years.

If you sign up for SAID, a worker who knows about SAID will be assigned to help you.

A group of disability advocates, organizations and people with disabilities who use SAP have joined together. They have created a group called **DISC**. DISC stands for Saskatchewan **Disability Income Support Coalition (DISC)**. This group is working hard to see that SAID is a separate income support program just for people with significant and long-term disabilities.

CAN I APPLY?

1. If you are 18 years of age or older; and
2. If you are living in either:
 - A residential personal or special care home or family home and have an assessed care level of 2 or higher; or
 - A Community Living Division or Mental Health group home; and
3. You meet the financial requirements.

If you live on your own, you will have to complete an application and a disability impact assessment to determine your eligibility for SAID.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- If you ARE receiving income support from SAP and you think you might qualify for SAID, complete the application/ assessment package that was mailed to you.
- If you need help completing the application and/or assessment, contact someone from the attached list of community-based organizations (CBO's).
- If you ARE NOT receiving income support from SAP and you think you might qualify for SAID, phone the SAID inquiry line to find out more.

APPEALS

If you have a disability and are told that you do not qualify for SAID, you can ask for that decision to be reviewed. This is called an appeal. Contact the Social Services office in your area.

WHAT ABOUT OTHER PROGRAMS?

- You can leave SAID at any time and reapply for **SAP**.
- You can still collect the **Rental Housing Supplement**.
- You will still receive **Supplementary Health Benefits** from Saskatchewan Health.
- If you have a **Trustee Agreement**, that support will continue.
- You are eligible for the **Canadian Pension Plan (CPP) and other disability income benefits** at the same time as receiving SAID (SAID income will be included when calculating your total income).
- If you receive an **inheritance** or **life insurance** (money left to you from a family member) of up to \$100 000, getting that money won't change your SAID benefit.
- You can **work** while receiving SAID. But, this work income may change your SAID benefit.