



BERMUDA

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2023

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The Minister responsible for financial assistance, in exercise of the power conferred by section 21 of the Financial Assistance Act 2001, makes the following Regulations:

Citation

1 These Regulations may be cited as the Financial Assistance Amendment Regulations 2023.

Revokes and replaces the Schedule

2 The Schedule to the Financial Assistance Regulations 2004 is revoked and replaced with the following—

“SCHEDULE

(regulation 2(2))

TABLE OF ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

Item of Expenditure	Description	Parameter	Maximum Rate
Adult Day Care	Certified program designed to provide care to elderly and disabled persons, outside of their residence	Cost per month	\$1,500
Auditory Exam	Hearing testing	Cost per year	\$500

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Auditory Equipment	Hearing aids	Once every five (5) years based on two standard aids	\$5,000
BELCO	1 - 2 persons	Cost per month	\$175
BELCO	3 - 4 persons	Cost per month	\$275
BELCO	5 or more persons	Cost per month	\$380
Child Care	After school/camps/ transportation. Must be a government-facilitated program (inclusive of after school and holiday camps)	Cost per month	\$500
Clothing	Undergarments and shoes only	Cost per year	\$100
Dental Care	As prescribed by a registered dental practitioner. This does not include cosmetic procedures.	Cost per visit is 80% of the cost after the insurance deductible and must not exceed two visits per year. The Department of Financial Assistance is not responsible for the co-pay.	\$1,500
Disability Allowance	Mental/Physical	Cost per month	\$750
Disability Equipment	As prescribed by a registered practitioner	Cost per year	\$1,000
Disability Services	As prescribed by a registered practitioner, can include one emotional support animal, transportation, telecommunications	Cost per month	\$1,000
Eye Care Exam	As prescribed by a registered practitioner	Cost per year	\$200
Eye Care Supplies	Frames/lenses	Cost per year	\$350

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Food	As prescribed in accordance with the Ministry of Health	Cost at Government nutrition rates - per department policy	
Food (Supplementary)	As prescribed by a registered medical practitioner	Cost at Government nutrition rates - per department policy	
Fuel	Cooking gas only	Cost not exceeding the rate for one cylinder per six months	
Funeral Expenses	General fees for services rendered	At cost - must be an active recipient at the time of death	\$4,000
Group Home Rates	Special needs care for adults (18 years or older)	Cost per month for Residential Care	\$3,000
Health Insurance Plan (HIP)	Health insurance for persons under the age of 65 years	Cost per month as prescribed by the Department of Health, with recipients being responsible for their co-pay. The Department of Financial Assistance is not responsible for the co-pay.	

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Health Insurance (Future Care)	Health insurance for persons aged 65 years or older	Cost per month as prescribed by the Department of Health, with recipients being responsible for their co-pay. The Department of Financial Assistance is not responsible for the co-pay.	
Home Care Providers	Only registered practitioners	Cost per month	\$2,000
Internet	A globally connected network system facilitating worldwide communication and access to data resources	Cost per month - does not include installation costs	\$110
Laundry	General fees to wash clothing and articles to promote good hygiene	Cost per eligible individual in the household per month	\$80
Medical Supplies	Disposable one-time use non-durable products	Cost per month	\$500
Medical Equipment	Aids used in diagnosis, treatment or monitoring of medical condition (includes breathing apparatus)	Cost per year	\$6,000
Medical Overseas Travel	As referred by registered medical practitioner and insurance approved (includes airfare, accommodation, transportation, associated fees, and per diem for recipient only)	To be determined by the Director	\$4,000

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Medication	Approved distributor of medications - can include over the counter medications that have been prescribed by a medical practitioner. Does not include vitamins/supplements and sexual enhancement drugs	At cost per month	\$8,000
Mental Health Outpatient Treatment	Cost for intensive mental health treatment by a licensed and approved clinician (for up to six (6) sessions per year)	Cost per year or maximum six sessions per year	\$840
Nursing Home	Approved by Health Insurance Department	Cost per month	\$6,000
Podiatry	Treatment of the foot, ankle and some parts of the leg.	Cost per year or maximum of 12 visits per year	\$600
Public Transportation - Adults	Includes bus, ferry or as prescribed by the Government	Cost per month based on Government rates	
Public Transportation - Students/Children	Includes bus, ferry or as prescribed by the Government	Cost per month based on Government rates	
Rent - Studio	Safe long-term accommodations	Cost per month	\$1,400
Rent - 1 Bedroom	Safe long-term accommodations	Cost per month	\$1,800
Rent - 2 Bedroom	Safe long-term accommodations	Cost per month	\$2,200
Rent - 3 Bedroom	Safe long-term accommodations	Cost per month	\$2,800

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Residential Mental Health Treatment Facility	All-inclusive cost for residential intensive mental health treatment (for up to 3 months with the option for a 3 month extension upon re-evaluation and assessed need by a licensed clinician). Any further extensions will be determined by the results of the assessment by a licensed clinician.	Cost per month	\$3,000
Rest Home	Approved by Health Insurance Department	Cost per month	\$5,000
Room and Board	Safe long-term accommodations (includes food, electricity and water)	Cost per month	\$650
Room	Safe long-term accommodations	Cost per month	\$550
School Supplies		Cost per child per academic year	\$100
School Clothing	As prescribed by department policy - only applies if all other resources have been exhausted	Cost per child per academic year	\$700
Telephone	A landline or a mobile device that is on a 'top-up' plan	Cost per month	\$50

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Item of Expenditure	Description	Parameter	Maximum Rate
Transitional Living Facilities	» Adult Rough Sleepers » Adult Men and/or Women - Transitional Living » Aged-out DCFS Foster Care Persons aged 18-24	Cost per month	» \$250 shared accommodation (plus other living expenses) » \$550 single accommodation (plus other living expenses)
Water Supply	For household use only (tank water)	At cost	\$480 per year or 1 load per quarter
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>» Based on government fiscal year 12 month cycle.</p> <p>» All expenditures/payments shall be approved by an authorized person in the Department of Financial Assistance prior to services rendered or purchase transactions completed.</p> <p>» Persons must be recipients of an award granted by the Director of the Department of Financial Assistance to qualify.</p> <p>» <u>Receipts must be submitted upon request.</u></p> <p>» Reimbursements and arrears shall not be provided.</p>			

Commencement

3 These Regulations come into operation on 1 October 2023.

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Made this 19th day of July 2023

Minister of Economy and Labour

[Operative Date: 01 October 2023]