

ADAP Fact Sheet (Plain language)

This page explains the government's new plan called **ADAP** (Alberta Disability Assistance Program). This plan could make life harder for many people with disabilities.

People who now get AISH will be put on ADAP instead starting **July 1, 2026**.

Here's what could happen:

1. Less money for people

- People who move from AISH to ADAP will lose **\$200 every month**.
- Instead of getting **\$1,940**, they will get **\$1,740**.
- This makes it harder to pay for food, rent, and medicine.
- One person said losing \$200 means choosing between groceries or medicine.

Living costs are going up. Living with a disability is expensive, so this cut hurts even more.

- People who switch to ADAP before July 1, 2026 will get an extra \$200 until January 2028.
 - New people who apply after July 1, 2026 will only get \$1,740.
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2. Unfair rules about working

Government says ADAP helps people to work, but it actually **takes away more money**.

- Right now, people on AISH can earn **\$1,032** a month before their benefits go down.
- Under ADAP, they can only earn **\$350** before benefits go down.

This means people who work will **keep less money**.

If you have a partner:

- Their income limit will drop from **\$2,612 to \$1,500**. If they earn more your benefits go down.
- This could make people feel they must stay single or hide their relationship.

If you are a parent:

- Your income limit will drop from **\$2,612 to \$350 (AISH) or \$525 (ADAP)**. If you earn more your benefits go down.
 - This could make life harder for families and children.
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3. Unfair labels about work

To get AISH now, you must have a disability that makes it hard to work.

Under ADAP:

- Only people who **can never work at all** will get AISH.
- Others will be moved to ADAP, even if they can only work a little.

This is unfair. People with disabilities have **different abilities**. Many can work a little with the right help.

Calling people “unemployable” is hurtful. Everyone deserves respect.

The new AISH program will also **limit work income to \$350** a month. This makes it harder to be independent and included.

Most people on AISH do not have jobs. The government says it will spend more to help people with disabilities find jobs. This help is not enough.

It’s hard to find jobs because of:

- Ableism and unfair hiring
- Bad public transportation
- High unemployment in Alberta

4. Unfair decisions

Everyone on AISH will be moved to ADAP unless they **reapply**.

- A new group called the **Medical Review Panel** will decide who gets AISH.
- It is not clear how fair this panel will be.
- People will not be allowed to appeal to the **Citizen’s Appeal Panel** anymore.

This means **less fairness**.

5. More paperwork

People needing to get back on AISH must **prove their disability again**, even if they already did.

- People will need new medical forms.
- It can take months to see a doctor.

- Some people may have to **pay** for these forms.

People who have a hard time with this paperwork and cannot get it done may **not get AISH and** have less money for rent, food, or medicine.

6. People were not asked

People with disabilities did not ask government to make this change to AISH.

Many people feel afraid **and confused**. No one asked for less money.

Conclusion

ADAP does **not help** people with disabilities.

Instead, it:

- Gives people **less money than AISH**
- **Takes away more of peoples pay cheques**
- Uses **the label** “unemployable” even though it is not true and hurts people
- Adds **unfair rules**
- Creates **more paperwork**

Inclusion Alberta says we don’t need ADAP. They want the government to:

- **Cancel ADAP**
- **Make AISH better**

This means:

- Letting people **keep more of the money** they earn
- **Stopping benefit cuts**
- Giving **better job support**
- Keeping **health benefits** even if people earn more