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MONTHLY NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT

Information for
Individuals with the Persons with
Disabilities Designation



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Monthly Nutritional Supplement (MNS)

The Monthly Nutritional Supplement is additional financial support for individuals with the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) designation who are receiving disability assistance and have extraordinary nutritional needs.

What does the MNS provide?

The Monthly Nutritional Supplement provides up to \$205 per month to purchase one or more of the following:

- \$165 per month for nutritional items
- \$40 per month for vitamins or minerals

What are the eligibility criteria for MNS?

To be eligible for this supplement, the applicant must:

- have a Persons with Disabilities (PWD) designation
- be in receipt of disability assistance
- be receiving treatment from a medical practitioner or nurse practitioner for a chronic, progressive deterioration of health due to a severe medical condition
- require items to alleviate specific symptoms that are a direct result of the chronic, progressive deterioration of health and are necessary to prevent imminent danger to life
- have no other resources available to the family unit to pay for the items.

Where can I get an MNS application?

Requests for applications can be made at Band Social Development Offices located on-reserve throughout British Columbia.

Questions? Contact the PWD/MNS — Social Development Program, First Nations Social Development Society at 604-913-4152 (Lower Mainland) or 1-877-985-5565 (toll-free).