



ALBERTA

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Office of the Minister

**Ministerial Order
No. 2020-016**

WHEREAS the Government of Canada may provide temporary income support payments to eligible individuals who have lost employment or self-employment income because of COVID-19 and have not voluntarily quit their job or are eligible for Employment Insurance regular or sickness benefits;

AND WHEREAS the Canada Emergency Response Benefit will provide eligible Albertans with \$500 per week for up to 16 weeks (the eligibility period);

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1(1)(y) of Schedule 2 of the Income Support, Training and Health Benefits Regulation (the Regulation) under the *Income and Employment Supports Act*, the Minister may exempt any payment received from the Government of Canada, to the extent determined by the Minister, from the determination of financial resources;

I, RAJAN SAWHNEY, Minister of Community and Social Services:

1. Pursuant to section 1(1)(y) of Schedule 2 of the Regulation, exempt Canada Emergency Response Benefit payments received from the Government of Canada by adding the amount of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit payment received by existing recipients of Income Support benefits, who are a member of a barriers to full employment or expected to work household unit, to the amount of the self-employment and employment income earned by a member of the household unit, if any, and applying the deductions in Section 23(6) of the Regulation, as applicable;
2. In calculating the exemption under paragraph 1, any lump sum Canada Emergency Response Benefit payments must be prorated at \$500 per week over the portion of the eligibility period for which the lump sum payment is paid.

DATED this 23 day of APRIL, 2020.

Rajan Sawhney
Minister of Community and Social Services