

# Learning about Bill 12

## Information for the CSM Community

### Background

- Bill 12 introduces major changes to disability support benefits for more than 79,000 Albertans who rely on Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH). The new Alberta Disability Assistance Program (ADAP) will cut \$200 (11.5%) in monthly benefits.
- Albertans who rely on AISH are already below Canada's poverty line. Disability-related expenses, estimated at 20% above normal living costs, make the impact even worse.



### Health Research

- People living at low income experience higher levels of chronic disease, infectious disease, poor mental health and substance use disorders compared to those at higher income.
- They are also at risk of housing and food insecurity that exacerbates poor health outcomes.

### Impacts

#### How does it affect you?

- Many current AISH recipients will fall into deep poverty, and may face difficult decisions on their financial priorities: housing, food, medicine, transportation. All of these will exacerbate current health conditions of patients.



### What Can I Do?

#### Actions

- Learn more about Bill 12 and its impact on persons with disabilities who currently receive AISH
- Contact your government representative to express concerns about Bill 12
- Share this information resource with others