
FACTSHEET

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Ministry of Housing and Social Development

Diet Supplement

- The Ministry of Housing and Social Development provides funding to income assistance clients who require a special diet for a specific medical diagnosis or medical condition.
- Clients with diabetes, cystic fibrosis and kidney disease may be eligible for diet assistance when the need for a special diet is recommended in writing by a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner or registered dietician.
- Clients requesting funds for restricted sodium, gluten-free, dysphagia, ketogenic and phenylalanine diet supplements may be eligible if recommended in writing by a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner or registered dietician to aid a specific condition.
- Funding for high-protein diets is available for individuals who need additional nutritional support and have been diagnosed with:
 - Cancer - requiring nutritional support during radiation, chemotherapy or surgical cancer therapy;
 - Chronic inflammatory bowel disease;
 - Crohn's disease;
 - Ulcerative colitis;
 - HIV/AIDS, chronic bacterial infection and tuberculosis;
 - Hyperthyroidism;
 - Osteoporosis; or
 - Hepatitis B or hepatitis C.

Note: The diet supplement is separate from the Monthly Nutritional Supplement, which is provided to meet the needs of clients with the Persons with Disabilities designation who have chronic and progressive deterioration with wasting symptoms. Nutritional supplement products may be provided, on a short-term basis, to help a client recover from illness, if recommended by a medical or nurse practitioner: