

## FACTSHEET

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Ministry of Housing and Social Development

### **THERAPEUTIC VOLUNTEER SUPPLEMENTS**

- Some Ministry of Housing and Social Development clients with a mental health condition may receive a supplement or other payments from or on behalf of a regional health authority for their participation in a volunteer program or in a mental health or addictions rehabilitation program.
- These clients may keep the full amount of these payments in addition to their income assistance.
- Therapeutic volunteer supplements and other volunteer payments encourage volunteering as an activity that increases employability and independence. They also offset the personal costs associated with volunteering.
- In addition, ministry clients with a mental health condition are eligible for a \$500 earnings exemption if they are designated as a Person with Disabilities or as a Person with Persistent Multiple Barriers.

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