

Program Instructions



This Program Instruction applies to the following:

- ✓ HSA Part VII Housing Providers (Provincial Reform)
- ✓ Former Federal Program Housing Providers (s. 15.1/27, s, 56.1/95)
- ✓ Housing York
 - ✓ Public Housing
 - ✓ HSA Part VII

RGI Calculation - Treatment of Financial Assistance Provided to Thalidomide Survivors

Effective Date: Immediately

Purpose

This program instruction explains how income from financial assistance provided by the Federal Government to thalidomide survivors should be treated in rent-geared-to-income (RGI) calculations.

Details

The Federal Government provides financial assistance to thalidomide survivors in the form of a tax free lump sum payment of \$125,000 to each survivor.

For the purpose of RGI calculation under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*, the lump sum payment received by thalidomide survivors from the Federal Government should be excluded from the income calculation. This income is classified as an amount received as damages or compensation and is therefore exempt from RGI calculation.

Reference *Ontario Regulation 298/01* – section 50(3) paragraph 35

If you have any questions please contact your Program Coordinator

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