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PURPOSE

1. To meet short-term home care needs of applicants. Persons eligible for the Disability Support Program are not eligible for funding under this policy.

PRINCIPLE

- 2. Family members are expected to provide for the home care support needs of applicants where it is reasonable to do so.
- 3. Workers should encourage family members to engage in a problem-solving process to determine the family's ability to contribute to the applicant's support needs.
- 4. Where family support is non-existent or insufficient, referrals should be made to the Home Care and Support Division.

POLICY

- 5. Where family, government services and community resources do not meet the required need, and where family financial resources are not sufficient, housekeeping or home care expenses may be authorized at a reasonable rate as determined by the Department for up to 40 hours per week for a maximum of four months for services provided in the applicant's home.
- 6. Where home care services appear to be required on a long-term basis, it may be necessary to assist the family to explore other options, either by further problem-solving or referral and consultation with other services.

CROSS REFERENCE

4-1 Family Resources