



Memorandum

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To: Directors of Income Security

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Telephone:

Subject: **Clients' Right to Appeal under *The Social Allowances Act***

A question has recently been raised regarding the right of a client to appeal a lien placement. The following policy clarification regarding a social allowances recipient's right to appeal is provided for your information and future reference.

Under Section 9(3) of *The Social Allowances Act*, the sole basis for hearings to be convened and orders issued are:

- a) Not allowed to apply or re-apply for social allowances;
- b) Request for social allowances or an increase in social allowance was not decided within a reasonable time;
- c) Application for social allowance was denied;
- d) Social Allowance or Municipal Assistance was cancelled, varied or withheld; or
- e) The amount of social allowances is insufficient to meet the recipient's needs.

Legal Counsel for the Social Allowances Program has advised that there is no legislated basis for recipients to be allowed an appeal concerning the placement of a lien.