

Administration of Assistance

Are you at risk of being administered by Welfare?

If you ask for crisis benefits from your Worker six times or more in a one year period, you may be administered. This means that you will receive part of your monthly cheque each week or every two weeks. You may have to go to a special office to pick up your cheque.

Being administered is inconvenient because Welfare controls when you receive your money and how much you receive each cheque.

If you find it hard to pay your rent or make your money last all month, you may want to consider a self-administered plan before Welfare decides to administer you.

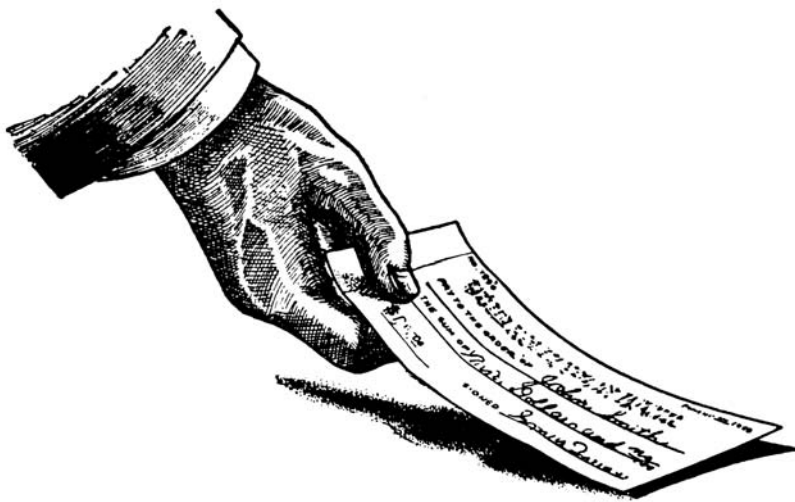
Step 1

- Avoid being forced administered.
- Treat your Worker with respect.
- Stick to a budget. Try to manage your expenses so your money lasts all month.
- Do not apply for crisis benefits more than six times in a one year period.

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Step 2

- Consider a self-administered plan.
- Talk to your Worker. Explain that you need help managing your money.
- Say that you want to try a self-administered plan. Explain that this plan will stop you from spending your money too soon so your monthly cheque lasts longer.
- If your Worker suggests forced administration, be polite. Ask to try the self-administered plan first.



Tip

If you need more than six crisis benefits in a one year period, call a BCPWA Advocate for help before you speak to your Worker.

Tip

If you choose a self-administered plan, try not to ask for your money early. If you do, you might be switched to forced administration.

Tip

If you choose a self-administered plan, you may come off of the plan at any time.

For more information,
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