

## Who is BCANDS?

The **British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society** or **BCANDS**, is an award winning, non-political, community based, not-for-profit, charitable organization serving the unique and diverse needs of Indigenous persons living with a disability within British Columbia.

Established in 1991, BCANDS enjoys a long and successful history in the delivery of disability services and works in partnership with a variety of organizations, governments, communities and other stakeholders to assist us in successfully meeting our clients' goals.

BCANDS is the only Indigenous stand-alone organization of its type in Canada and is dedicated to improving the lives of Indigenous persons living with a disability, through safe and responsive multi-disciplinary/ sectorial disability services.

At BCANDS we believe that all Indigenous persons living with a disability have the right to enjoy their life to its fullest potential and the right to have the support necessary to access information, programs and services to assist in making that happen.

At BCANDS we don't always have the answers immediately, but we'll work with you and find the solutions.



To **speak** to the BCANDS PWD / MNS Adjudicator: Toll free: **1 - 888 - 815 - 5511 Ext. 206**  
Victoria and area,: **(250) 381 - 7303 Ext. 206**

To **email** to the BCANDS PWD / MNS Adjudicator, please send emails to: [pwd@bcands.bc.ca](mailto:pwd@bcands.bc.ca)

To **fax** the BCANDS PWD / MNS Adjudicator, fax documents to: **(250) 381 - 7343**

To request to become a Skype contact with a **BCANDS Disability PWD / MNS Adjudicator**, log into your Skype account and send a contact request to the following user name: **pwdbcands** or enter [pwd@bcands.bc.ca](mailto:pwd@bcands.bc.ca) under the email contact search.

To **mail** PWD / MNS client related materials/ applications confidentially to the BCANDS PWD Adjudicator, please mail all information / materials to BCANDS, in a self-addressed envelope, as follows:

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**Attention: BCANDS PWD / MNS Adjudicator**  
#6 - 1610 Island Highway Victoria, British Columbia  
V9B 1H8

## MONTHLY NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT

### Application Instructions for:

- **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**
- **BAND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WORKERS**
- **MEDICAL AND NURSE PRACTITIONERS**



## Monthly Nutritional Supplement (MNS)

The Monthly Nutritional Supplement is additional financial support for individuals with the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) designation who are receiving disability assistance and have extraordinary nutritional needs.

To be eligible for this supplement, the applicant must:

- have a Persons with Disabilities (PWD) designation
- be in receipt of disability assistance
- be receiving treatment from a medical practitioner or nurse practitioner for a chronic, progressive deterioration of health due to a severe medical condition
- require items to alleviate specific symptoms that are a direct result of the chronic, progressive deterioration of health and are necessary to prevent imminent danger to life
- have no other resources available to the family unit to pay for the items

The MNS provides up to \$205 per month to purchase one, or more of the following:

- \$165 per month for nutritional items
- \$40 per month for vitamins or minerals



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## Application Checklist for the Band Social Development Worker\*

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- Confirm the applicant has a Persons with Disabilities (PWD) designation and is receiving disability assistance.
- Confirm the applicant will use the MNS to replace currently received health supplements, as applicable.
- Email/ Fax a **Request for the Monthly Nutritional Supplement Application (SA 431)** to the British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS) at the number listed on the form or to [pwd@bcands.bc.ca](mailto:pwd@bcands.bc.ca)
- BCANDS will email a **Monthly Nutritional Supplement Application (SA401)** to you.
- Complete and sign Part A of the application.
- Give the application to the applicant so they can ask their medical practitioner or nurse practitioner to complete Part C of the form.
- Pay the \$25 invoice from the medical practitioner or nurse practitioner.
- The applicant will mail the completed application form and accompanying documentation to BCANDS.
- BCANDS will review the application and will mail a decision letter to you and the applicant.
- Include the decision letter from BCANDS in the applicant's file and record practitioner fee payments and supplement expenditures on monthly reports.



See INAC's *Social Development Policy and Procedures Manual*. BC Region for full details

## Checklist for the Applicant

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Review Part A of the **Monthly Nutritional Supplement Application (SA401)**.

Sign the "Application Acknowledgement and Consent statement in Part B of the application form.

Ask your medical practitioner or nurse practitioner to complete Part C of the application.

Mail the completed application to the PWD / MNS Adjudicator at the British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS)

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- BCANDS will review the application and will mail a decision letter to you and your Band Social Development Worker

## Information for Medical Practitioners & Nurse Practitioners

Information provided by you is vital to assessing the needs of the applicant. It is essential that information is provided regarding the specific medical condition of the applicant, and the specific nutritional items that are needed. Incomplete applications cannot be adjudicated and may be returned for more information.

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*Medical Practitioner's or Nurse Practitioner's Fee: Please invoice the \$25 fee for completing Part C of the Monthly Nutritional Supplement Application to the **Administering Authority** listed in Part A of the application form. **Do not send invoice to BCANDS***

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