

## TITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

### Chapter 2.7

#### AGED AND DISABLED PROGRAM

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**2.7.1. Authority.** This ordinance establishes a program to provide financial assistance to the aged and disabled and is adopted according to the authority vested in the Suquamish Tribal Council by virtue of its inherent sovereignty as an Indian tribal government and Article III of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Suquamish Tribe that provides that the governing body has the power to pass ordinances that govern the conduct of all persons and regulate all property within the Tribe's jurisdiction to the fullest extent allowed under applicable federal law, that provide for the maintenance of law and order and the administration of justice, and that promote the social and economic welfare of the Suquamish people. (Res. 2010-200, passed Nov. 1, 2010)

**2.7.2. Purpose.** The program established under this section is a needs-based program that satisfies the criteria of Section 505(b) of Public Law 94-566 in which eligibility is determined based on the applicant's eligibility for other assistance programs in which income or resources are used as eligibility criteria. (Res. 2010-200, passed Nov. 1, 2010)

**2.7.3. Definitions.** For the purposes of this chapter, the words and phrases listed below have the following meanings:

(a) "Supplemental Security Income" or "SSI" means a cash assistance program funded by general tax revenues and administered by the federal government under Title XVI of the Social Security Act that is designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people who have little or no income and to provide cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter.

(b) "Suquamish tribal member" means a person properly enrolled with the Suquamish Tribe in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Suquamish Tribe and the Suquamish Tribal Code.

(c) "Suquamish tribal elder" means a Suquamish tribal member who is fifty-five (55) years of age or older. (Res. 2010-200, passed Nov. 1, 2010)

**2.7.4. Eligibility for Financial Assistance.** (a) To be eligible for assistance under this chapter, an individual must be a Suquamish tribal elder or a disabled Suquamish tribal member and must declare under penalty of perjury on a form the Tribal Council has approved that he or she is eligible for Supplemental Security Income (“SSI”), Medicare, Medicaid, or other state or federal assistance programs on the basis of income or resources.

(b) A person receiving aid under this program may not receive monetary benefits distributed by the Suquamish tribal government to individual Suquamish tribal members arising from treaty resources or other tribal monetary benefit programs. A Suquamish tribal member may use only one program at a time. In order to qualify for aid under this section, the recipient must first sign a waiver in a form satisfactory to the Tribal Council giving up any right to monetary benefits arising from treaty resources the tribal government distributes to individual Suquamish tribal members. (Res. 2010-200, passed Nov. 1, 2010)

**2.7.5. Distribution of Funds to Eligible Participants.** On an annual basis, the Tribal Council will authorize the distribution of funds to eligible program participants by determining each participant’s annual amount after consideration of available funding and the participant’s level of income and/or resources. Payments will be distributed to eligible participants in equal monthly amounts.(Res. 2010-200, passed Nov. 1, 2010)