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VICTORIA – The Province has amended a regulation to the Community Living Authority Act to outline the criteria currently used to determine if adults with developmental disabilities are eligible for services from Community Living BC.

The amendment does not change how Community Living BC assesses a developmental disability or determines eligibility for their services and supports.

Previously, the act did not identify specific eligibility criteria for adult community living services. The amended regulation now matches the existing policy that Community Living BC has used to determine eligibility for these services.

The regulation outlines IQ 70 as part of the definition of a developmental disability. The amendment also defines “impaired adaptive functioning” in relation to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition.

The amendment is an interim measure while the Province determines the best method to provide services for adults with developmental disabilities who do not meet the Community Living BC criteria. The government will announce future steps as decisions are made.

As Community Living BC now reports to the Ministry of Housing and Social Development, the Province has created a transitional team to ensure a seamless transfer of services and will be working toward broader solutions in the way that services are delivered. The team is composed of representatives from Community Living BC, Children and Family Development and Housing and Social Development.

Under the new ministry, adults with disabilities have access to a wide range of supports – including financial, shelter, medical and employment supports.

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