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**MEDICAL
TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM**



Questions and Answers

What is the NunatuKavut Community Council ikajuKatigek Medical Transportation Program (NCC MTP)?

The NunatuKavut Community Council (NCC) ikajuKatigek (ik/ga/you/hot/de/geek) Medical Transportation Program is a one-year program intended to provide financial support to eligible full members of NCC to help alleviate some of the travel costs incurred to access specialized insured medical services. Translated from Inuttitut, ikajuKatigek means helping one another and is reflective of NCC's vision of governing ourselves, providing and caring for one another, our families and our communities while nurturing our relationship with our lands and waters.

What expenses can be claimed?

Full members of NCC who need to travel to access specialized insured medical services not available in their immediate area of residence may be eligible to apply for financial assistance under NCC MTP. The following expenses are eligible:

- **Eligible taxi fares** (receipts required);
- **Private vehicle usage** (up to an amount incurred by either a commercial airfare ticket or schedevac voucher);
- **Living expenses** (such as registered and/or private accommodations and related meal allowance);
- **Bussing and use of ferries** (based on program criteria); and
- **Emergency transportation** (such as ambulance by air or ground).

Please note that airfare is no longer covered by the program.

What are the rates for eligible expenses?

Travel and associated expenses will be paid at a maximum rate as follows:

- **Schedevac:** proof of voucher required
- **Registered hotel and/or hostel:** up to a maximum of \$150.00 per night
- **Private accommodation:** \$50.00 per night
- **Private vehicle usage:** \$0.30 per kilometer
- **Meal rates:**
 - Breakfast: \$15.00
 - Lunch: \$15.00
 - Dinner: \$25.00

***NOTE:** Children under the age of six months old are not entitled to meal per diems*

- **Baggage claim:** receipts required
- **Public parking:** receipts required

How do I know if I am eligible?

Full members of NCC who need to travel to access specialized insured medical services not available in their immediate area of residence may be eligible to make a claim. The following criteria must be met to be considered eligible for NCC MTP:

- You must be a Canadian resident and be a full member of NCC with a current membership card;
- You must have a referral from a physician, nurse practitioner or regional/community nurse for insured medical services within your province or territory which are not available at your immediate place of residence; and
- Your travel expenses must not be covered by a third-party insurance, such as an employer plan, extended medical plan, or federal government program (e.g. Non-Insured Health Benefits, Veterans' Affairs, etc.).

How do I apply for transportation assistance?

If you think you qualify for transportation assistance under NCC MTP, complete the appropriate application form(s) online at www.nunatukavut.ca and either drop it off at your local NCC office with the required supporting documentation (including the medical referral when applicable) or mail it to the address below:

**NCC ikajuKatigek Medical Transportation Program
200 Kelland Drive
PO Box 460, Station C
Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL A0P 1C0**

What if I require an escort to travel for my medical appointment?

Travel expenses incurred by an escort may also be eligible for assistance when the referring physician, nurse practitioner or regional/community nurse has provided documentation indicating an escort is required. If an escort is required, the escort is expected to share the same accommodations as the medically referred patient unless the patient is hospitalized or is undergoing a procedure that requires separate accommodations to protect the escort's safety (e.g. radioactive treatments).

NCC must preauthorize the approval of an escort. The *Medical Transportation Escort Referral Form* found in this booklet or online at www.nunatukavut.ca must be completed and signed by a medical professional. The escort and accompanying expenses must originate from the patient's home residence. The length of time the escort is approved will be determined by the patient's medical condition or legal requirements.

Who do I contact for further assistance?

All enquiries about the NCC MTP can be directed to one of the following:

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