

Out of Province Travel and Accommodation Assistance Information

The Out of Province Travel and Accommodation Assistance Policy was developed by the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness (DHW) to assist residents who are required to obtain pre-approved medically necessary and physician referred insured health services not available within Nova Scotia.

The following eligible expenses are claimable with an official receipt and boarding pass. Reimbursement will not exceed \$1000.00 CAD for 1 roundtrip ticket. The distance of the trip must be greater than 500 kilometres one-way and be outside of Nova Scotia.

- 1 Round trip economy plane ticket
- 1 Round trip bus ticket
- 1 Round trip train ticket
- Original fuel receipts for personal automobile use

An eligible candidate, as per the *Out of Province Travel and Accommodation Assistance Policy*:

1. Must be a Nova Scotia resident, who has been referred out of province for insured health services unavailable in Nova Scotia;
2. Must have received prior approval from DHW/MSI before making any medical or travel arrangements;
3. Must not be receiving financial assistance towards out-of-province travel costs from a separate program, such as the Department of Community Services ESIA program; and
4. Must not be covered under a separate statute, such as Veterans Affairs, Canadian Armed Forces, or *The Worker's Compensation Act*.

Transportation cost for an escort to travel with you will be covered only if your specialist confirms in writing that an escort is medically required and the MSI Medical Consultant approves. For an adult an escort will be approved only if the medical condition is such that they should not travel alone and the request is supported with medical reasons for the patient requiring an escort. If the patient is a child under nineteen years of age, the transportation cost for an escort is covered. DHW will reimburse travel cost for one parent (or other caregiver nineteen years of age or older) to travel with a child who has been approved for medical care outside of Nova Scotia.

If you are eligible for this program you will need to complete the **Out of Province Expense Travel and Accommodation Claim Form** once you have returned from your destination and include the following original receipts:

- Receipt for 1 round trip ticket for both patient and escort (if required)
- Boarding Passes for both arrival and departure for both patient and escort (if required)
- Receipt from a registered accommodations provider
- Fuel receipts for personal automobile use

Photocopied receipts will result in a denial of any applications.