

Consumer Price Index subsidy adjustment

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Purpose

This policy outlines how the Insured Health Services' Medical Travel program subsidy, as listed in the *Travel for Medical Treatment Act and Regulations*, is adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Policy

1. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate is indexed annually in January.
2. For the year 2023, the CPI rate has been increased by 6.8%.
3. For approved medical services and travel completed between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024, eligible individuals and their approved escorts will be entitled to the following increase starting on the first day:
 - o The approved subsidy of \$78 per day has been adjusted by 6.8% to equal \$84 per day.
 - o The approved subsidy of \$155 per day has been adjusted by 6.8% to equal \$166 per day.
4. Clients and their families who are insured through the following organizations are not eligible for medical travel:
 - o Status First Nations;
 - o Armed Forces;
 - o RCMP;
 - o Canada Post;
 - o Parks Canada; and
 - o Federal Public Service and Workers' Compensation Board.

Definitions

Consumer Price Index: represents changes in prices as experienced by Canadian consumers. It measures price change by comparing, through time, the cost of a fixed basket of goods and services.

Eligible individuals: a person who is eligible for and entitled to insured health services as defined in the *Health Care Insurance Plan Act*.

Escort: a person approved to accompany an eligible individual for a portion or all of their medical travel.

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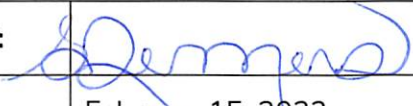
Medical Travel: Travel originating within the Yukon that gives eligible clients access to necessary insured health care services anywhere in Canada that are not available in their home community.

Related Forms and Documents

- Medical Travel Subsidy Form
- Out of Territory Medical Travel by Vehicle Policy (MT001)
- Medical Travel Escorts Policy (MT007)
- In Territory Transportation Policy (MT010)
- Out of Territory Transportation Policy (MT011)

Authorities

- *Travel for Medical Treatment Act*
- *Travel for Medical Treatment Regulations*
- *Regulation to Amend the Travel for Medical Treatment Regulations*
- *Health Care Insurance Plan Act*
- *Regulations respecting Health Care Insurance Services*

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