
Medical Transportation Policy Framework
Non-Insured Health Benefits Program

7. ADDICTIONS TREATMENT TRAVEL POLICY

- 7.1** Travel will be funded to the closest appropriate NNADAP funded/referred facility in the home province only. Exceptions are made to travel outside the province only when the required treatment is not available in the home province or when a neighbouring province's treatment centre is the closest centre and approved by the NIHB Regional Office.
- 7.2** Clients are required to meet all treatment centre entry requirements prior to medical transportation benefits being authorized.
- 7.3** Only the most efficient and economical method of transportation will be authorized, taking into account the medical condition of the client.
- 7.4** An escort is only provided for a client as defined in Section 5 (Client Escorts).
- 7.5** Trips home during the course of treatment will not be authorized unless part of the treatment plan as established by the facility and approved prior to starting treatment.
- 7.6** Family trips to the treatment facility will not be authorized unless it is a documented part of the treatment program and approved prior to starting treatment.
- 7.7** Transportation to return the client to the community will not be provided for clients who discharge themselves from treatment, against advice from the treatment centre counsellor, before completing the program; exceptions may be considered for clients who are minors or in cases when proper justification is provided and approved by the NIHB Regional Office.
- 7.8** Travel to access additional treatment within a one year period requires approval from the NIHB Regional Office.
- 7.9** Medical transportation benefits will only be provided for clients while in the care of the treatment centre when approved by the NIHB Regional Office.
- 7.10** Exceptions may be authorized, with appropriate justification, when approved by the NIHB Regional Office.