

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

The Medical Transportation (MT) benefit is intended to supplement the cost of travel expenses to access medically necessary health services not available in your community of residence.

If you are registered with First Nations Health Benefits & Services (FNHBS), you are eligible for MT benefits.

What my plan covers



You can access MT benefits for travel to access health services, including the following:

- > Medical services covered by the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) or a public health agency (e.g., cancer-related travel);
- > Services eligible under FNHBS (e.g., dental, vision, etc.);
- > Publicly funded diagnostic tests and preventative screening programs;
- > Traditional healers, if approved as an Exception;
- > Treatment Centres for Substance Use (formerly NNADAP); or
- > Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT).

What my plan does not cover



Some types of travel that are not covered by your MT benefits include, but are not limited to:

- > Travel back to your community of residence if you became ill during non-medical related travel; or
- > Travel where the only purpose is to pick up items that do not need to be fitted (e.g., prescriptions, glasses/contacts and various medical supplies and equipment items).

Note: Some travel requests require additional documentation. Your Patient Travel (PT) Clerk or FNHBS can support this process.



For additional information on current MT rates, escort eligibility, documentation or required travel forms, please scan the QR code to visit our website.

MT benefits may provide funding towards the cost of travel, accommodation and meals for the following:

- > A mileage rate that supplements the cost of fuel;
- > Non-commercial accommodation (i.e., Jean C. Barber Lodge or Easter Seals);
- > Commercial accommodation at the most economical medical rate;
- > Accommodation in private homes
- > Meals at a daily rate, nightly rate or weekly rate.

Note: If you need someone to accompany you for medical travel, you may be eligible to travel with an Escort.

How do I access coverage?

Where you access the program depends on what Nation and/or community you are from and where you live.

If you live in community, please contact your community's Patient Travel (PT) Clerk to access your MT benefits.

If you live outside your community, or are unsure who to contact for your travel, please call us at **1-855-550-5454.**

- 1** Submit your travel request and your written confirmation of appointment at least five days before your trip to get prior approval.
- 2** You receive your travel arrangements from your PT Clerk or FNHBS.
- 3** Attend your appointment as scheduled and get a signed confirmation of attendance slip from your provider.
- 4** Submit your Confirmation of Attendance slip to your PT Clerk or to FNHBS.

If you have any questions about your MT benefits or how to access coverage, please call FNHBS at **1-855-550-5454.**

