



Out of Province Travel and Accommodation Assistance Information Form

The Out-of-Province Travel and Accommodation Assistance Policy was developed by the Nova Scotia Department of Health in order to assist residents who are required to obtain medically necessary and physician referred elective, 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 CAD for 1 roundtrip ticket. The distance of the trip must be greater than 500 km. one way.

- 1 Round trip economy plane ticket
- 1 Round trip bus ticket
- 1 Round trip train ticket

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 the Department of Health/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, Armed forces, or Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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 for your wellbeing. If the patient is a child under nineteen years of age, the transportation cost for an escort is covered. The Department of Health and Wellness will reimburse return travel cost for one parent (or other caregiver 19 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 attached **Out-of-Province Expense 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

Photocopied receipts will result in a denial of any applications.

Applications for this program need to be submitted within 30 days upon your return to Nova Scotia.
