

HEALTH SERVICES - INSURED HEALTH & HEARING SERVICES		
SECTION: Medical Travel	TITLE: Lay Escort for Clients Who Are Breastfeeding	POLICY #: MT 004
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DEFINITIONS

‘Client’ means a person who is eligible for a subsidy for medical travel expenses as defined in the *Travel for Medical Treatment Act* and the *Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan Act*

*** Note: Those clients and their families insured through an Act of Parliament (i.e. First Nations people, members of the Armed Forces, RCMP and members of the Federal Public Service) are not eligible for travel for medical treatment as defined in the *Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan Act*

‘Dependent’ means a dependent of an insured person as defined in the regulations.

‘Director’* means the director of the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan appointed as per section 4(1) of the *Health Care Insurance Plan Act*

‘Lay Escort’ means any person accompanying a patient on travel for medical treatment whose presence is required due to frailty, debility, handicap, age or language barrier. Escorts whose presence is required for nursing, medical or other professional supervision are excluded.

‘Medical Travel’ means travel originating within Yukon which is required to allow eligible persons to access necessary and appropriate insured health services within or outside Yukon.

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BACKGROUND

This policy covers those eligible clients and their approved lay escorts, insured under the *Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan Act* and the *Travel for Medical Treatment Act*, who are pre-approved to travel inside and / or outside of Yukon to receive medically necessary treatment not available in their community.

POLICY

Clients who are breastfeeding their dependent that is up to twelve months (12) of age, that requires medical travel either In-Territory or Out-of-Territory will be entitled to a lay escort provided that:

- a. it is for a prescribed medically necessary procedure,
- b. the attending physician has requested an escort, and
- c. the request has been approved by the Medical Officer of Health for Travel

EXCLUSIONS

Medical travel originating outside of the Yukon is not considered eligible within this program.

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APPEALS

Appeals are to be sent, in writing, to the Director of Insured Health and Hearing Services for review. Letters should be addressed as follows:

Director, Insured Health and Hearing Services (H-2)
Department of Health and Social Services
Box 2703
Whitehorse, YT
Y1A2C6

Patients may direct any questions concerning this policy to a Medical Travel Officer at (867) 667-5203 or (867) 667-5233.

Note: All requirements of the Acts and Regulations governing Yukon Health Care Insurance remain in effect. All decisions on interpretation will be referred to the Director of Insured Health & Hearing Services.

Shauna Demers
Director
Insured Health & Hearing Services

Date