

HEALTH SERVICES – INSURED HEALTH & HEARING SERVICES		
SECTION: Medical Travel	TITLE: <u>Travel for Mifegymiso</u>	POLICY #: MT-005
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DATE REVISED:	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: Health Care Insurance Plan Act Travel for Medical Treatment Act and Regulations	

DEFINITIONS:

‘Authorized Practitioner’ means a physician or a nurse designated by the chief medical officer as authorized to make referrals for medical travel.

‘Client’ means a person who is eligible for and entitled to insured health services as defined in the *Health Care Insurance Plan Act*.

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

‘Eligible’ means a person entitled to insurance health services under the *Health Care Insurance Plan Act*.

‘Resident’ means a person lawfully entitled to be or to remain in Canada, who make their home and is ordinarily present in the Yukon, but does not include a tourist, transient, or visitor to the Yukon as defined in the *Health Care Insurance Plan Act*.

BACKGROUND:

This policy applies to eligible clients insured under the *Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan Act*.

As of November 27, 2018, Insured Health and Hearing Services will provide coverage for medical travel when travel is required outside of the resident's home community to access the medical abortion medication, Mifegymiso.

Yukoners living in communities without resident physician services will be required to travel to see a physician to safely terminate a pregnancy with Mifegymiso.

Physician services for Mifegymiso is available in:

- Whitehorse
- Haines Junction
- Dawson City
- Watson Lake

POLICY:

In accordance with *the Travel for Medical Treatment Act and Regulations*, the Medical Travel Unit will provide a travel subsidy to eligible clients who are travelling for the purposes of obtaining Mifegymiso outside of their home community.

General:

- Prior application and approval for travel is not required.
- To be eligible for subsidy, travel must originate in Yukon. Travel originating out-of-territory is ineligible for subsidy, even if Mifegymiso is obtained in Yukon.
- No subsidy will be provided for travel for Mifegymiso when Mifegymiso is obtained out-of-territory, even if travel originated in Yukon.
- Rates are paid according to the cost to the nearest **or** lowest travel cost destination where Mifegymiso is available. Clients who choose to travel elsewhere are not eligible for additional reimbursement and will be paid at rates equal to those paid for travel to the nearest/lowest travel cost destination.
- Transportation will be subsidized according to the lowest cost mode of transportation available.

Subsidy Schedule:

- Travel by road will be subsidized at a rate of \$0.30 per kilometer.
- Travel by air will be reimbursed at a rate equal to the cost of a regularly scheduled, economy class, round-trip ticket.
- A subsidy of \$75 per day of travel, may be paid starting on day 2, and in accordance with distances as outlined below:
 - less than 200km: ineligible for subsidy;
 - greater than 200km but less than 300km: full or partial subsidy;
 - for a maximum of 1 day (to be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Director);
 - greater than 300km: eligible for 1 day of subsidy.

Escorts:

- All requests for an escort must be pre-approved by the Medical Travel Unit.

Required Documentation:

Submissions for reimbursement must contain the following supporting documentation.

- A verification signature on the “Application for Medical Travel” from the physician who provided the health care service obtained at the time of appointment.
- Information indicating the dates travelled (departure and return).
- In the case of air travel, proof of airfare payment.

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.

APPROVED BY: M Fenske Date: Nov. 28/18
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Insured Health and Hearing Services