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DEFINITIONS:

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

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

BACKGROUND:

This policy applies to those eligible clients insured as defined by the *Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan Act*, who are seeking inpatient treatment at an out-of-territory addiction/recovery facility.

All requests for out-of-territory addiction/recovery treatment require prior approval and are paid at the standard ward rate as negotiated by the Interprovincial Health Insurance Agreements Coordination Committee for the jurisdiction in which treatment occurs.

Pre-approvals are provided for a predetermined duration and ward rates paid accordingly – should the treating facility recommend an extension on stay or program change, prior approval is required and a separate request must be made in writing by the family physician with supporting documentation from the program facilitator.

Once a decision is reached, a written record of decision will be provided to the referring physician/clinician and the treatment facility.

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CRITERIA:

In order to be eligible for out-of-territory, in-patient treatment, ALL of the following criteria must be clearly demonstrated in the letter of referral:

1. Documentation from the referring physician/clinician clearly demonstrating that all appropriate in-territory resources have been exhausted and further intensive in-patient treatment is required.

2. In addition to the referral letter, a letter of support from a Yukon psychiatrist confirming the diagnosis and need for out-of-territory in-patient treatment.

Procedure to apply for coverage:

1. Before requesting coverage, the client's family physician, attending Psychiatrist or clinician shall contact the out-of-territory treatment facility to obtain a prior assessment and identify the treatment program recommended.

2. Once the client has been accepted by the proposed facility and the treatment program has been identified, a request in writing meeting all of the criteria in this policy shall be made to the Insured Health Services Branch for review.

3. If approved, the family physician or attending Psychiatrist shall make an application to the Medical Travel program.

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NOTE:
Authorizations for funding coverage remain valid for **3 months** after which re-application is required.

APPEALS:
Appeals for coverage 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
Y1A 2C6

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

Signed By Director **Date**

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Shauna Demers
Director
Insured Health & Hearing Services