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Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Ministry of Health launches dialysis transportation pilot program

October 6, 2020 – Since launching a cancer transportation pilot program this summer, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Ministry of Health has heard from many residents requiring the same support for family members undergoing kidney dialysis in the province.

With the lack of public transportation service in Saskatchewan, MN-S recognizes financial barriers associated with individual travel to treatment can cause undue stress for kidney patients and their families.

To address this need MN-S is introducing a dialysis transportation pilot program. Under the pilot, eligible Métis patients will be reimbursed for fuel and parking costs associated with travel to and from the patient's community for dialysis appointments.

Health Minister Marg Friesen said, "Many Métis citizens are pre-disposed to renal disease and are forced to travel greater distances for treatment. The added hardship of the costs associated with travel is what we hope to help alleviate."

The program is open to all registered citizens of the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan, and their immediate family members. To learn more about becoming an MN-S citizen, go to <https://metisnation.sk.com/citizenship/>.

To sign up for this pilot program or more more information contact Project Coordinator Tanya Pruden, at 306-291-4758 email tpruden@mns.work or go online to <https://metisnation.sk.com/dialysis-transportation/>.

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