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MN–S MINISTRY OF HEALTH LAUNCHES MEDICAL TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION PROGRAM

December 18, 2020 - The Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) government Ministry of Health announced today a new medical travel and accommodation program. This program supports Métis citizens and their immediate family members requiring medical treatments so they can get to their appointments.

The program builds off of community feedback to expand the existing Cancer and Dialysis Transportation Pilot Programs. This will allow MN–S to meet broader demand for medical transportation for its citizens. The pilot project supports applications from Métis patients for financial support for transportation to appointments for specialist care, like the previously eligible Cancer treatments and kidney dialysis, but expands this to cover a wider variety of medical appointments such as cardiac care and surgeries.

Some services are only available in Saskatoon, Regina, and Prince Albert. This can require a great deal of travel, time, and expense for Métis citizens requiring treatment but living across the province. With the economic challenges facing citizens since the onset of COVID-19 and the stress that traveling for medical treatment brings, MN–S wants to provide its citizens with some comfort and assistance to help reduce their worries during an already stressful time.

MN–S Minister of Health, Marg Friesen, said, “Our citizens and their families are in urgent need of financial support to help ease the burden of accessing medical care outside of their communities. Lack of public transportation and pandemic related fears have made essential travel more difficult. Removing some of these barriers will help lessen the stress of travel when dealing with critical medical concerns.”

Reimbursement will be provided for fuel, healthy food and accommodation expenses incurred during travel to and from required medical appointments outside of the patient's home community.

The program is open to all registered citizens of the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan, those whose registrations are in process, and their immediate family members.



More information about MN–S citizenship is available at <https://metisnationsk.com/citizenship/>

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