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To: Regional Directors

RE: Cancer, Dialysis and Medical Travel Pilot Program

Tansi, Hello!

The Health Department has completed its review of the Cancer, Dialysis and Medical Travel Pilot Program and has made adjustments to ensure its effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability. We will be re-instating the Medical Travel Program with new eligibility and process requirements. These changes also apply to Dialysis and Cancer Travel applications. Please see a summary of the changes below.

New eligibility requirements:

- Be partially or fully vaccinated for COVID-19 unless you have an exemption letter.
- Need financial assistance to cover transportation costs.
- Require a medical appointment more than 50km outside your home community.
- Submit your application at least five (5) business days prior to your appointment date if seeking accommodation support.
- Provide a Medical Appointment Letter stating the medical provider, location, date and time. Digital copies can be emailed to healthprograms@mns.work, and hard copies can be **faxed** to MN–S Health Department at **(306) 249-4934** or addressed to MN–S Health Department and mailed to **#310 – 20th Street East, Saskatoon SK, S7K 0A7**.
- Submit Confirmation of Appointment Attendance from your physician following your medical appointment. This can be submitted digitally or by mail

New program coverage:

- Up to three primary care appointments per year
- Up to one night of hotel stay per primary care appointment
- Up to three nights of hotel stay per specialist or referral appointment

New meal rates:

- Day trip rate for same-day trips lasting more than 6 hours: \$25.00
- Overnight rate for overnight trips up to 6 nights: \$50.00
- Weekly rate for overnight trips of one week (7 nights) up to a month: \$250.00
- Monthly rate for extended trips that last a month or more: \$500.00

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New accommodation rates:

- For citizens seeking reimbursement of hotel fees paid for medical stays, the program with reimburse a flat rate of \$100 per night

The ultimate goal of these pilot programs is to support our vulnerable citizens who cannot afford to travel to their medical appointments due to a loss of income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We look forward to continuing this support and ensuring Métis citizens are focusing on their health rather the barriers to access health care.

Respectfully,



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