



The Northern Health Travel Grant Program assists with the costs of travelling at least 100 kilometers to see a medical specialist.

For more information, visit
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Help for out of Town Medical Emergencies

The Northern Health Travel Grant Program: Travel grants are funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. This is to help you with the costs if you must travel long distances to receive medically needed insured specialty services that are not available here.

**Travel grants are not meant to cover all of your travel costs and do not cover meals or hotel expenses.*

Who can apply for a travel grant?

Residents of northern Ontario who have been referred to the nearest physician specialist or health facility designated by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care by a northern practitioner.

You are eligible for a travel grant if:

- You live in the districts of Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Sudbury, Timiskaming, or Thunder Bay
- You have a valid Ontario Health Card
- You are referred for specialty health care that is an insured service under the Health Insurance Act
- A northern physician, dentist, optometrist, chiropractor, midwife or nurse practitioner has referred you before the travel takes place
- You are referred to a medical specialist who is certified by The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or a designated health facility
- The nearest specialist/health facility is at least 100 kilometres from your residence or in southern Ontario

Can a person who helps me travel apply for a grant?

If you are under 16 years of age, or the referring practitioner has indicated on the travel grant application form that you require a companion for health or safety reasons (are in a wheelchair or have Alzheimer's), the person that helps you can apply for a grant.



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Things You Can Do

How do I apply for a travel grant?

- The application for Northern Health Travel Grant (form 0327-88) must be completed by you and the referring doctor, dentist, optometrist, chiropractor, midwife, or nurse practitioner before you travel. Application forms can be obtained from them or your local Ministry of Health and Long-Term care office.
- The specialist you travel to see must complete his/her section of the form
- After your treatment, mail or take your application form to a Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care office indicated in the General Instructions section of the form. Include your original bus, rail or air travel receipts as well as those for any traveling companion. Do not send photocopies.
- For access to the registration form, visit www.gov.on.ca/health

Where to Find Help

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Northern Health Travel Grant Program

435 James St., S. Suite 114

Open: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm

www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/ohip/northern.html

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