

# Out-of-Province Assessment/Treatment Program for Community Based Health Services

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The Ministry of Health administers an out-of-province assessment and treatment program for community based health services, such as mental health, alcohol and drug, problem gambling, and rehabilitation/therapy services.

Publically funded health care providers may make a request to the Ministry of Health for patients/clients to utilize services outside the province for the purposes of assessments, treatment and improving patient outcomes.

Requests for out-of-province assessment and/or treatment are only accepted from Regional Health Authorities or the Physician Support Program of the Saskatchewan Medical Association.

Once a request is submitted, it is reviewed by the Ministry of Health according to the out-of-province policy. If approved, the Ministry will pay the full cost of the assessment or treatment service.

***The cost of travel, accommodation and meals are not eligible for coverage or reimbursement.***

**Approval must be obtained** from the Ministry of Health prior to the patient/client receiving any services outside of the province. Patients/clients will not be reimbursed for cost of services accessed without prior approval.

If a request for out-of-province assessment/treatment is denied, the decision may be eligible for review by the Health Services Review Committee (HSRC). A request for a review must be submitted in writing to the HSRC within 90 days of the date of the decision.

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