

 <p>Government of Saskatchewan</p> <p>Drug Plan & Extended Benefits</p>	<p>Section: <i>Northern Medical Transportation Program</i></p>	<p>Last Amended Date April 2018</p>
<p>NORTHERN AIR MEDICAL EVACUATION SERVICES POLICY</p>		

INTENT

The Northern Medical Transportation Program, Air Medical Evacuation Services Policy provides eligible Saskatchewan residents coverage for air medical evacuation services from specific northern locations detailed within this policy.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

The Ambulance Act, 2013

ELIGIBILITY

Air medical evacuation must originate in:

- Athabasca Health Authority
- Northern areas formally identified as Keewatin Yatthé and Mamawetan Churchill River Regional Health Authorities
- The community of Cumberland House
- Flin Flon and The Pas, Manitoba
- Fort McMurray and Cold Lake, Alberta

Beneficiaries must:

- possess a valid Saskatchewan Health Services Number (HSN);
- not be eligible to receive the service from any other agency of government such as Saskatchewan Government Insurance, Worker's Compensation Board, Health Canada (Non-Insured Health Benefits Program) or Veterans Affairs Canada;
- have an authorized health professional confirms the need for air medical evacuation to the nearest and most appropriate health facility for treatment; and,
- have the air medical evacuation coordinated by the Provincial Air-medical Coordination Centre (PACC).

BENEFITS

- Air medical evacuation that has been coordinated by PACC to the nearest appropriate health facility, based on the patient's needs.

NON-BENEFITS

- Return flights for the patient or their personal support, such as accompanying family members or friends.
- Repatriation of residents who have a medical emergency outside of the province or country.
- Rescue flights not originating from a health facility or northern nursing station.
- Non-emergency transfers to an out-of-province facility as requested by the patient and/or when the travel is not a regular procedure of the air medical evacuation service.

PROCEDURE

- On approval of the air medical evacuation, PACC notifies the designated carrier, providing a Patient Care Record (PCR) and PACC dispatch ID number.
- PACC supplies the Ministry of Health, Acute and Emergency Services Branch (AESB) with a record of approved flights.
- The carrier contacts the AESB to verify patient eligibility.
- Approved carriers invoice the Ministry of Health, Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch (DPEB) for eligible air medical evacuation services.

Billing

- Approved charges encompass the following:
 - Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) fees
 - Rate per flown mile
 - Fuel surcharge, where applicable
 - Return flights for professional personnel required to safely evacuate the eligible patient (i.e. nurses, doctors, and RCMP)
- Additional flight costs, including insurance fees, departure fees, de-icing fees, landing fees, Nav-Canada fees, and terminal fees are not included as covered expenses.
- All invoices must include the:
 - date of flight;
 - name of referring and receiving facilities;
 - patient’s name and HSN;
 - additional passenger names including supporting family member(s) and professional personnel and their designations (i.e. EMT, nurse, doctor, RCMP, family);
 - approved rate charges, mileage, and total cost of the flight;
 - PCR and dispatch ID number and the name of the AESB approver; and,
 - four digit payee code that was assigned to the carrier by the DPEB.

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