

	Ministry of Health Senior Citizens' Ambulance Assistance Program (SCAAP) Policy	Status: Current
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INTENT:

The Seniors Citizens' Ambulance Assistance Program (SCAAP) provides cost protection to eligible Saskatchewan seniors, aged 65 and over, by limiting the cost of eligible ground ambulance trips within the province to \$135 and providing coverage for inter-facility transfers within this policy.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:

The Ambulance Act, SS 1986, c A-18.1, s 43(a) ,and The Ambulance Regulations, RSS c A-18.1, Reg 1.

ELIGIBILITY:

Beneficiaries must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a Saskatchewan resident aged 65 years or over;
- Possess a valid Saskatchewan Health Services card;
- Not be insured for the particular service by any other government agency;
- An ambulance must be the most appropriate mode of transport. In some cases, this may need to be supported in writing by a physician;
- Service must be provided by an ambulance service licensed by Saskatchewan Health; and
- Service must be provided within Saskatchewan, except in special circumstances.

BENEFITS

The following ground ambulance costs are covered for eligible recipients under SCAAP:

- For each trip, an eligible patient is responsible for all charges associated with the ground ambulance service up to a maximum of \$135.00. SCAAP pays for the balance of charges in excess of \$135.00.
- Full coverage for the cost associated with transportation between hospital, health centers, integrated health facilities, mental health and addition centers, and special care homes (Saskatchewan Health Authority long-term care homes and Affiliate long-term care homes)
- Full coverage for the ground ambulance costs associated with transportation between the airport and hospital for air ambulance transfers within the province.

NON-BENEFITS

The following medical transportation costs are not covered:

- Ambulance services for individuals whose emergency costs are the responsibility of another provincial or federal agency. (such as, but no limited to, Health Canada, Saskatchewan Government Insurance, Workers Compensation Board, Office of Provincial Coroner)
- Ambulance services provided out of province, except in special circumstances determined by the Ministry of Health.

- Repatriation of a resident who has a medical emergency outside of the province.
- Non-emergency transport to a home residence (including personal care homes) unless there are mitigating circumstances and no other means to safely transport the patient.
- Non-emergency transfers as requested by the patient from home to/from a medical appointment.
- Non-emergency transfers to an out-of-province facility as requested by the patient and/or when such transfers are not a regular procedure of the ambulance service.
- Charges for cancelled calls or refused service.
- Transportation of the remains of a deceased patient to a morgue or funeral home.

BILLING:

- All ambulance services are aware of SCAAP and will bill any amount covered by the program directly to SCAAP, including:
 - any amount in excess of \$135.00
 - the full cost associated with an inter-facility transfer.
- Any special circumstances, including emergency transport outside of Saskatchewan, will be determined on a case-by-case basis, and will need to be approved by the Ministry of Health.

Contact Information

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