

Northwest Patient Travel Guide

This guide was developed by the **Northern Patient Travel Improvement Committee**, a team of patients, health researchers, and care providers in Northwestern BC. Please note these services are available for those who need to travel out of their home community for medical care.

For more information on each resource, including the application process, please see full resource guide. If you are unable to obtain a copy of the full resource guide, information about these resources is also available online.

TRANSPORTATION

Travel Assistance Program (TAP)- Government of BC

Covers some transportation costs.

Eligibility

Be a resident of BC enrolled in MSP

Referral for specialist medical care

Medical Transportation Benefit - FNHA

Provides transportation benefits.

Eligibility

Must be eligible for Health Benefits with FNHA

Must have written confirmation of appointment

Prince Rupert Aboriginal Community Services Society

Provides transportation benefits on behalf of FNHA.

Eligibility

Must require health service not provided in home community or on reserve

Must be a resident of certain communities (see full resource guide)

Northern Health Connections

Provides low-cost bus service.

Eligibility

Must have a BC Care Card and need access to medical care not available in community.

Cannot require medical assistance during the trip.

Hope Air

Covers air transportation

Eligibility

Must have financial need

Must have confirmed health care appointment that is covered by MSP.

District of Kitimat Subsidized Transportation Program

Airport transportation subsidy

Eligibility

Kitimat resident

Person 60 years or older and/or person with disabilities + a caregiver

ACCOMMODATION

Government of BC Medical Travel Accommodation

Provides discounted accommodation.

Eligibility

Must have a medical appointment outside of home community

Canadian Cancer Society Accommodation

Provides accommodation to individuals receiving cancer treatment

Eligibility

Must be receiving cancer treatment away from home community

Easter Seals House (Vancouver)

Low-cost accommodation for adults and families.

Eligibility

Must be receiving medical care outside of home community

Ronald McDonald House (Vancouver)

Low-cost accommodation for families with children & pregnant women receiving care at BC Children's and BC Women's Hospitals

Eligibility

Child under 19 & pregnant women receiving critical medical care

Variety: The Children's Charity of BC

Provides accommodation in Vancouver/Richmond area.

Eligibility

Must be covered by MSP and have a child 18 or under receiving medical care

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Canadian Cancer Society Travel Treatment Fund

Provides financial assistance for those who need to travel out of town for cancer treatment.

Eligibility

Must be classified as low income and require cancer treatment

Friends of Children

Provides reimbursement services for accommodation, travel and groceries

Eligibility

Must have a child under 19 receiving medical care and a confirmation of appointment

Kimmunity Angels Society

Provides financial aid to help cover travel costs and other expenses incurred.

Eligibility

Must be living in Terrace and surrounding areas and have financial need

Helping Hands of Terrace Society

Provides financial aid to help cover travel costs and other expenses incurred

Eligibility

Must have financial need and a letter from a physician