



INSURED HEALTH & HEARING SERVICES TRAVEL FOR MIFEGYMISO	
<b>Section:</b> Travel for Mifegymiso (Medical Travel Program)	<b>Policy #:</b> MT006
<b>Date Issued:</b> July 2020 <b>Dates Revised:</b> November 2018	<b>Review Date:</b> December 2021 (Review as needed.)
<b>Legislative Authority:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yukon Travel for Medical Treatment Act (and Regulations)</li> <li>• Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan Act</li> <li>• Yukon Health Information and Privacy Management Act (HIPMA)</li> <li>• Yukon Temporary Absence from Yukon policy</li> <li>• Canada Health Act (and Regulations)</li> </ul>	

## DEFINITIONS

**Authorized Practitioner:** a physician, nurse practitioner or primary health nurse in charge as authorized to make referrals for medical travel.

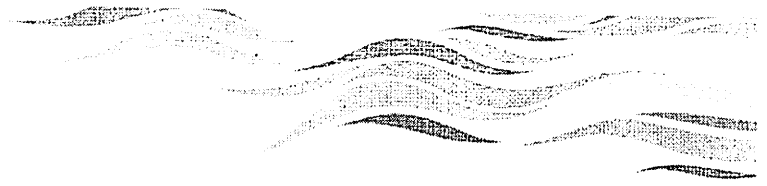
**Chief Medical Officer:** the person appointed by the Commissioner in Executive Council as the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Yukon and includes the Chief Medical Officer of health's authorized deputy.

**Director:** the director of the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan.

**Eligible Individuals:** a person who is eligible for and entitled to insured health services as defined in the *Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan Act*.

**Eligible Individual - Exceptions:** those clients and their families who are insured through an Act of Parliament (i.e. Status First Nations, members of the Armed Forces, RCMP, Canada Post, Parks Canada, Federal Public Service and Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) applicants) are not eligible for travel for medical treatment as defined in the *Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan Act*. (These individuals are covered by their own medical travel benefits and includes WCB applicants.)

**Emergency Travel:** travel necessitated by a medical emergency.



**Hospital Transfer:** medical travel initiated by the discharge of a patient from one hospital and ending with the admission of the same patient in a second hospital.

**IHHS:** the Insured Health and Hearing Services Branch.

**Insured Health Services:** those services set out as insured services within the *Health Care Insurance Plan Act* and the *Hospital Insurance Services Act*.

**Medical Emergency:** an unforeseen medical condition involving a person's physical or mental health that requires immediate medical intervention.

**Medical Travel:** travel originating within Yukon that is required to allow eligible persons access to necessary insured health care services within or outside of Yukon.

**Non-Emergency Service:** medical service that is required for the well-being of a patient, but is not considered a medical emergency.

**Non-Resident:** a person who does not normally reside in Yukon.

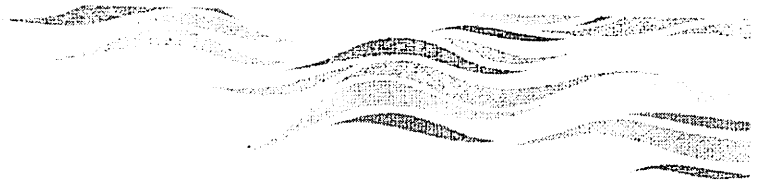
**Scheduled Airfare:** the actual airfare paid for a flight. Airfare bookings are based on the most cost-effective and medically appropriate options available for a patient.

**Subsidy:** means an amount of \$75 per day to assist with the cost of meals and accommodation for insured residents on medical travel based on outpatient services which may be paid for each day after the second approved day.

**Travel Escort:** a person approved to accompany an eligible person on medical travel pursuant to the *Medical Travel Escorts Policy* (MT007 - December 2019).

**YHCIP:** the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan.

**Yukon Resident:** a person who is lawfully entitled to be in Canada, ordinarily resides in Yukon, has a valid Yukon healthcare card and makes the territory their home. (Resident status does not apply to a tourist, transient or visitor to Yukon.)



## BACKGROUND

- This policy applies to eligible clients insured under the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan Act.
- Insured Health and Hearing Services will provide coverage for medical travel when travel is required outside of the Yukon resident's home community to access the medical abortion medication, Mifegymiso.
- Physician services for Mifegymiso are available in:
  - Whitehorse
  - Haines Junction
  - Dawson City
  - Watson Lake

For Yukon residents living in communities without resident physician services and wanting to use Mifegymiso, they will be required to travel to see a physician who will assist in safely terminating a pregnancy with this medication.

## POLICY

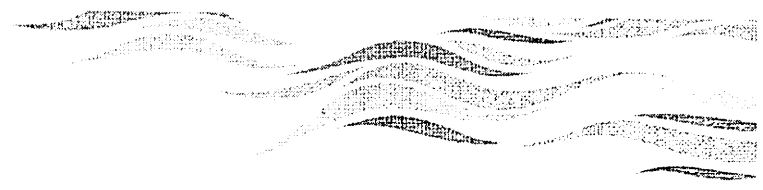
In accordance with the *Travel for Medical Treatment Act and Regulations*, the Medical Travel Unit will provide a travel subsidy to eligible individuals who are travelling for the purposes of obtaining Mifegymiso outside of their home community.

### **Overview:**

- Prior application and approval for travel is not required.
- All travel **must originate** within Yukon.
- Transportation will be subsidized according to MT0005: *Subsidy Payments for In-Territory Medical Travel*.
- Approved individuals who choose to travel elsewhere are not eligible for additional reimbursement. They will be paid at rates equal to those paid for travel to the nearest/lowest travel cost destination.

### **Subsidy Schedule:**

- Travel by road will be subsidized at a rate of \$0.30 per kilometer.
- Travel by air will be reimbursed at a rate equal to the cost of a regularly scheduled, economy class, round-trip ticket.



- Please refer to Medical Travel Policy #MT005: *Subsidy Payments for In-Territory Medical Travel* for further information and details.

## Travel Escorts:

- All requests for a travel escort must be pre-approved by the Medical Travel Unit.
- Reference: **Medical Travel Escorts Policy** (#MT007)

## Exceptions/Exclusions:

- Medical travel originating **outside of Yukon** is not eligible within this policy – even if Mifegymiso is obtained in Yukon.
- Medical travel **originating in Yukon** is not eligible within this policy – if Mifegymiso is obtained outside of Yukon.

## Appeals:

- Appeals are to be sent in writing to the Director of Insured Health and Hearing Services for review. Letters should be addressed as follows:

**Director, Insured Health and Hearing Services (H-2)**  
Department of Health and Social Services  
Box 2703  
Whitehorse, YT Y1A2C6

## Questions:

- Patients may direct any questions concerning this policy to a Medical Travel Officer. Contact information is as follows:

**Email:** [medicaltravel@gov.yk.ca](mailto:medicaltravel@gov.yk.ca)  
**Phone:** 867-667-5203 or 867-667-5233  
**Mail:** Medical Travel  
Health Services, H-2  
Box 2703  
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

## FORMS

- ***In-Territory Medical Travel Application***



## NOTES

- All requirements of the Acts and Regulations governing Yukon Health Care Insurance remain in effect.
- All decisions regarding interpretation will be referred to the Director of Insured Health and Hearing Services.

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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Insured Health and Hearing Services

Date: July 7, 2020