

C.1: Childcare for health appointments

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Purpose

This policy describes eligibility conditions for childcare funding when the caregiver must accompany the client to disability-related medical, dental, optical, or allied health appointments that occur outside the client's home community.

Policy

1. Disability Services (DS) provides childcare funding in cases where the client's caregiver has children who are minors, and the caregiver must attend disability-related medical, dental, optical, or allied health appointments with the client that occur outside the client's home community.
2. Funding offsets the caregiver's cost for short-term childcare for their children in situations where a second caregiver is not available, allowing the caregiver to accompany the client when:
 - the client must attend disability-related medical, dental, optical or allied health appointments or be assessed by a health professional;
 - the client is hospitalized due to a disability-related issue; or
 - caregiver is visiting the client in a medical facility where they have been admitted for disability-related assessment, treatment or rehabilitation.
3. Funding is available in two ways:
 - direct care: caregiver may pay someone to provide short-term care to their children during times where they must accompany the client for disability-related health appointments outside their home community.
 - airfare: caregiver may purchase and be reimbursed to a maximum designated amount for one (or more) of their children aged 12 or under to accompany the caregiver and client to a health appointment in a location that requires air travel to attend.
4. Caregiver may use either option for a specific appointment; however, both may not be used for care and travel of the same child. For example, caregiver may use airfare funding for one child, and use direct care for children who remain at home under another person's care.
5. Caregiver must provide proof of the client's attendance at the health appointment. When caregiver accesses the airfare option, they must also provide the proof of payment for the ticket and boarding pass of the child(ren) who traveled. DS may be unable to reimburse without these.

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6. Caregivers are responsible for choosing and hiring an appropriate childcare provider.
7. DS provides funding for the days of travel and the days the client is medically required to remain at the destination and does not cover additional leisure days.
8. Funding does not replace childcare arrangements already in place for the caregiver's children.
9. DS does not pay a second caregiver living in the home to provide childcare.

Definitions


Caregiver(s): a person or persons who are the primary unpaid caregiver of the client and who live in the same home as the client; they may or may not have legal guardianship over the client.

Child(ren): the caregiver's child or children (18 and under) who live full-time in the same home as the caregiver and client; they may also live part-time between the caregiver and their other parent; does not include the client for purposes of this policy.

Client: an individual with a disability who receives services from Disability Services.

Authorities

- Health Act (Yukon)
- Financial Administration Act (Yukon)

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