

D.6: Physiotherapy services

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Purpose

This policy describes eligibility criteria for clients to access physiotherapy services.

Physiotherapy is an allied health profession that uses treatment methods focused on the science of movement to help people restore, maintain, and maximize their physical strength, range of motion, function, mobility and overall well-being by addressing underlying physical issues.

Policy

1. Disability Services (DS) may refer clients for physiotherapy (PT) services when PT intervention is needed to improve the condition of the client's disability and the day-to-day experience of the client. Physiotherapist determines and offers services as clinically indicated.
2. PT services must be directly related to the client's disability, and may not be used for rehabilitation after a non-disability-related medical event.
3. DS does not provide funding to client for private PT services.
4. DS does not offer PT services for clients eligible for Child Development Centre or Whitehorse General Hospital Outpatient Medical Rehabilitation Services.
5. DS contracts PT services to a local provider who maintains current certification requirements. Clients are responsible for following the service provider's policies and practices.

Definitions

Caregiver: A person or persons who are the primary unpaid caregivers of the client and who reside in the same home as the client. They may or may not have legal guardianship over the client.


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

Authorities

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

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