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1. Medical Escorts

- (a) The need and level of Medical Escort is a clinical determination of a Nunavut Practitioner.

2. Client Escorts


- (a) The Client or Guardian initiates a request for a Client Escort based on the criteria in Guideline 2, Section 4. The Nunavut Practitioner must state his or her support or the reasons why he or she does not support the request;
- (b) A Client Escort may not necessarily be approved for the full duration of the Client's stay; and
- (c) Legal consent by a parent or Guardian is not required for a Mature Minor, thus a Client Escort will not be provided.

3. Criteria for Selecting Client Escorts

- (a) The Client Escort must be an Adult;
- (b) A Nunavut Practitioner in consultation with the Client or Guardian recommends a Client Escort based on the escort criteria in Guideline 2, Section 4;
- (c) The Client Escort must agree to and sign the Client and Escort Travel Agreement (Appendix A);
- (d) The Client Escort must be able to stay with the Client for a minimum of four weeks before returning to his or her home community;
- (e) A Client Escort cannot bring an Infant; and
- (f) Client Escorts with a history of not following the standards in the Client and Escort Travel Agreement may not be selected as Client Escorts in the future.

4. Criteria for Approving Client Escorts

- (a) A Client Escort will be authorized by a Director when:
 - (i) there is a need for legal consent by a parent or Guardian; or
 - (ii) the Client has a mental or physical condition of a nature that he or she is not able to travel without additional assistance; or
 - (iii) an unilingual Inuit language speaking Client requires travel to an Approved Centre where interpretive services are not available. The Client Escort will be required to speak both the Client's language and English; or

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- (iv) the Client Escort will participate in the Client's treatment program and receive instructions on specific and essential home medical/nursing procedures that cannot be given to the Client only.
- (v) an unilingual Inuit language speaking Client is age 65 or older. The Client Escort will be required to speak both the Client's language and English;
- (c) After a four week period, a Client Escort may submit a request to a Director, to travel home, and a new Client Escort may be authorized.

5. Escort Expenses

- (a) Escort expenses are authorized as follows:
 - (i) For Medical Escorts:
 - economy airfare to and from the nearest Approved Centre;
 - accommodation and meals at GN rates at approved commercial accommodation in accordance with Directive No. 820 – 1 of the Government of Nunavut's Financial Administration Manual; and
 - transportation as required between residence, Approved Centres, accommodation and airports.
 - (ii) For Client Escorts:
 - economy airfare to and from the nearest Approved Centre.