

Nova Scotia

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Nova Scotia Health – Medical Service Insurance

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Out-of-Province:

Nova Scotians who are referred outside the province to receive medical or clinical treatment are eligible for coverage under the province's out-of-province services plan.

This type of funding can apply to a breadth of treatments, including eating disorders.

The province has a process in place to consider funding out-of-province treatments:

- Consideration for out-of-province treatment is given to patients who meet the need for treatment that cannot be met within Nova Scotia (wait times do not apply).
- Coverage in other provinces is given for any provincially insured service. Uninsured services, as outlined under the provincial plan, are not funded outside of the province.
- Requests are assessed on an individual basis by medical experts, and are evaluated to determine whether all reasonable treatment within Nova Scotia has been accessed.
- The request for referral must come from the treating Nova Scotia specialist to the MSI medical consultant. Most physicians are aware of the process to follow.
- The out-of-province treatment must be done in an accredited medical facility.
- The referral must come to the MSI medical consultant for approval from a Nova Scotia specialist. Most physicians are aware of the process to follow.

Out-of-Country:

If you are a Nova Scotia resident and require medically necessary treatment unavailable in Canada, your referring Nova Scotia specialist must submit a request to the MSI Medical Consultant for prior approval. For travel and accommodation assistance, prior approval is required from the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness before accessing out-of-country treatment.

Travel and Accommodation Assistance Policy

Nova Scotians who are approved to travel out-of-province for medical care are eligible for some financial support under the province's travel and accommodation assistance policy.

Patients will need to have their specialist seek approval from MSI. It needs to be a medically insured treatment and it has to be a service that is not available in Nova Scotia.

Insured services are generally those determined by experts to have proven medical benefits for patients. This does not include cosmetic procedures, procedures still being researched, or drug therapy.

Travel and Accommodation Assistance forms and information:

<https://novascotia.ca/dhw/Travel-and-Accommodation-Assistance>