Out of Province Health Care

Information for Saskatchewan Residents

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Your Saskatchewan health card covers many medically necessary physician and public hospital services received elsewhere in Canada. In most cases, the provider bills their provincial health plan directly and Saskatchewan reimburses that plan through reciprocal billing.

Reciprocal billing commonly covers:

- physician services, such as walk-in clinic visits;
- public hospital emergency, diagnostic and laboratory services; and
- referred consultations, diagnostic procedures, or surgery in publicly funded facilities.

When you may be charged

You usually do not pay up front for insured care in another province or territory. You may be charged if you:

- do not present a valid health card;
- see a physician who does not bill their home province, including most physician services in Quebec; or
- choose private clinic care.

If you pay up front, you may submit a claim to the Ministry of Health. Reimbursement is not guaranteed and, if approved, is paid at the Saskatchewan rate, which may be less than the amount charged.

Before leaving Saskatchewan, consider private health insurance for uninsured services or unexpected costs.

When Ministry of Health approval is needed

Ministry of Health approval may be needed before a service is received or before Saskatchewan will pay or reimburse eligible costs.

Before care is received: Some out-of-province services cannot be billed directly between provinces and may require confirmation of coverage before booking or care.

Before payment or reimbursement: Private clinic services do not require approval before they are received, but Ministry of Health approval is required before Saskatchewan will pay or reimburse eligible costs. Services available through the publicly funded system are not eligible for reimbursement when obtained privately.

How to request approval from the Ministry of Health

A Saskatchewan specialist in the same or similar field must submit a written request directly to the Ministry of Health. Submission does not guarantee approval.

Travel and private insurance

You are responsible for travel and accommodation costs. Children 16 and younger may be eligible for limited assistance through the Pediatric Out of Province Travel Assistance Program.