



SSCHS Revamps Senior Transportation Van Program

Services de santé de Chapleau Health Services (SSCHS) was recently approved as a designated Third Party Agency by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care under the Northern Health Travel Grant Program (NHTG). This designation will allow clients of the Senior Transportation Van to sign Section 4 of their Northern Travel Grant for the costs of the travel to be covered directly by the program. As a result clients will no longer need to pay in advance of receiving their travel grant; the Ministry will pay the funds directly to the Third Party Agency (SSCHS).

SSCHS' Senior Transportation Van provides transportation and volunteer drivers for seniors to attend out of town medical appointments. Operating costs for the van are offset by receipt of the Northern Health Travel Grant mileage reimbursement. There are no other costs over and above the funds received from the travel grant. Additionally, clients that require an escort to accompany them can do so at no additional fee. As per the guidelines of the travel grant program, when several clients are travelling for an appointment together to the same destination (e.g. Timmins, Sudbury, etc.), only one client may claim the mileage reimbursement for the Third Party Agency (SSCHS). Regardless of the number of seniors travelling only one transportation fee is payable.

Seniors who do not wish to use the travel grant program can still utilize the transportation service at the equivalent fees at those funded by the travel grant program. However, payment will be required in advance of travel.

If you are a senior and need transportation to an out of town medical appointment, please call our reception office at 705-864-1520 ext. 0 (during regular business hours) to book your appointment or for more information on the program.

We are always recruiting for more volunteer drivers. Drivers are booked for rides on an as needed basis by availability. If you are interested in assisting the seniors in our community access out of town medical appointments, please contact 705-864-3061 to discuss becoming a volunteer driver.