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The parties agree to extend the existing Extended Health Benefits Plan to incorporate a medical travel allowance for necessary medical travel from remote areas when members or their dependents are referred by their attending physician to medical specialists in B.C. and such referrals require travel from the patient's community of employment in excess of 500 km on a round trip basis.

1. Effective January 1, 2014, the maximum medical travel allowance payable, on behalf of any member or dependent, will be \$1,000 per calendar year.
2. Eligible expenses will include bills for regularly scheduled economy class airfares, hotel accommodation and taxi fares.
3. Travel by private automobile will be paid for at 30¢ per kilometer.
4. All medical referrals will be in writing and travel must take place within two months of the physician's referral, unless the earliest possible date of availability of the Specialist is beyond two months from the referral.
5. Entitlement to hotel expenses will be based on the reasonableness of the member or dependent being unable to return home on the day of the referral.
6. A claim form with receipts must be filed by the member within 90 days of the date eligible expenses are incurred.
7. Expenses which are payable under the Workers Compensation Act, the Medical Services Plan of B.C., the Insurance Corporation of B.C. or any other government authority or insurance plan will not be eligible for reimbursement from the provision.

It is agreed the Medical Travel and Accommodation Plans at Canfor-Tackama, Fort Nelson, and Abitibi Consolidated, Inc, Mackenzie, shall continue and are excluded from this provision.

Guidelines:

Questions regarding the administration of this Section can be directed to the staff at CONIFER.