

Annex 1: Financial Support to CBHSSJB clients referred out of their home community for lengthy periods to access services

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1) Client choice

Long Term Clients have the right to exercise the following choices regarding their meals and accommodation. Specifically, in the absence of some particular constraint on client choice¹ they may:

- a) stay at a Wiichihituwin facility (e.g., the Espresso Hotel) and get coupons for their meals:
 - Such clients would not be eligible for the allowances established below
- b) stay at a Wiichihituwin facility (e.g., the Espresso Hotel) and prepare or purchase their own meals:
 - Such clients would be eligible to receive the relevant meal allowances established below;
- c) stay with a friend, relative, or in a foster home:
 - the rates established below would be paid directly to the host;
- d) rent or lease their own lodging (Long Term Client)
 - Wiichihituwin or Regional Special Needs Services may assist clients to secure lodging, however any rental or lease agreement would be between the client and the landlord and the client is responsible for any other expenses related to use of the lodging;
 - Such clients would be eligible for the “Long Term Client” rates established below.

2) Rates of Financial Support, Long Term Clients

Duration	Client	Escort 1	Escort 2	Total (Client plus 1 escort)	Total, (Client plus 2 escorts)
Weekly support					
Meals (FNIHB rates)	\$100	\$75	\$50		
Accommodation (CHB rates)	\$161	\$80	\$40		
TOTAL	\$261	\$155	\$90	\$416	\$506
Monthly rate	\$1,131	\$ 672	\$390	\$1,803	\$2,193
Annual (52 weeks) support	\$13,572	\$8,060	\$4,680	\$21,632	\$26,312

Note: no allowance for children <6 months

¹ Constraints would pertain to clinical concerns relating to their medical condition.

3) Special Provisions Regarding Escorts and Visits

3a) Escorts, long term clients

A maximum of two compensated escorts will be authorized to a client eligible for a long term stay. The number of escorts will be determined by the multi-disciplinary case management team and will be based on the recommendation of a professional considering the needs of the client. Escorts may be required for the duration of the stay or for travel purposes only depending on the client's individualized care plan.

The following types of clients are automatically eligible for an escort:

- Persons under 18 years
- Persons over 64 years
- Pregnant women (currently, escorts can only be covered for 7 days)
- Disabled persons.
- Persons on medication which may impact their daily functional capacity.
- Persons who speak neither English nor French.

3b) Visits

Visits must be part of the care plan for costs to be reimbursed. The criteria are driven by the multidisciplinary team's consideration of the best interests of the client and the goals of the care plan. Visits paid for by the Cree School Board (CSB) or other institutional source will be taken into account in assessing the number of visits to be supported by the CBHSSJB.

The CBHSSJB will normally limit financial support for visits to a maximum of 5 days per stay and a maximum of 3 stays per year. In the absence of exceptional circumstances (as detailed in the care plan), the maximum number of family members the CBHSSJB will provide financial support for is 2. Families may choose to arrange privately to make additional visits and/or to include other family members at their own cost.

Visits may vary in length, but parameters for financial support will always be detailed in the individualized care plan. For example, a long term client whose care plan calls for them to eventually return to home community may, as part of their transition, return home for a temporary visit of up to two months. Since their accommodation will still be required upon their return from their home community, the long term financial supports will continue even though the client may not occupy their accommodation outside their home community during the duration of their visit.

Note 1: Where a stay is expected to be short term, but it becomes clear a longer term stay will be required, the timing of transition to long term rates of financial support will be identified in the revised care plan.

Note 2: For short term visits to a client out of their home community, family members eligible for financial support shall be provided financial support at the Wiichihituuwin Patient Transportation Policy daily rates.

Other types of "visits" – e.g., access to elders - are not subject to this policy. They are considered a service, to be provided at the discretion of Community Miyupimaatisiun Centre management.