

# TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE (IWK HOSPITAL)

March 2025

## ELEGIBILITY FOR TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

Children under the age of eighteen who need treatment for orthopedic issues, spinal cord conditions, burns, or cleft palates and reside more than fifty kilometers from the IWK are eligible for transportation assistance. Families should note that the Philae Shrine Centre will reimburse expenses solely for travel to Halifax for orthopedic, cleft palate, or burn treatments. Expenses incurred for other medical purposes at the IWK, such as eye or hearing treatments, are not covered.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Families can obtain the transportation request form from the Philae Shriners website at [www.philaeshrine.ca](http://www.philaeshrine.ca) by navigating to the 'Apply for Assistance' section in the drop-down menu. The increased availability of information online has enabled families to directly access the application form, resulting in a higher volume of submissions from both families and organizations, such as IWK Social Department. Upon receipt of the application at the Philae Records Office, the applications are evaluated, and those that align with the Shrine Mandate receive approval from the Hospital Transportation Chairperson. Any applications that raise concerns are further assessed by a Noble who is a medical doctor.

## CONFIDENTIALITY

All medical information is managed professionally in compliance with PIPETA, ensuring that patient data remains confidential and is exclusively utilized by the hospital's professional team.

## REIMBURSED EXPENSES

Philae Temple will reimburse \$0.35 for each kilometer traveled during a day trip to the IWK Hospital. This reimbursement is intended to assist with expenses such as fuel, meals, and bridge tokens. Furthermore, additional funds will be provided to patients driving from Prince Edward Island to cover the toll fees for the Confederation Bridge or Ferry.

In cases where a child requires multiple days of outpatient care, families have the option to secure lodging at Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House (RMH) will send invoices directly to Philae for these accommodations.

The following meal rates have been established and are the maximum reimbursement that will be paid:

For out-patients (clinic visit and RMH stays):

\$20.00 per day for one adult;

\$20.00 per day for a child.

For in-patients (when child is admitted):

\$20.00 per day for one parent.

In the event that a child requires admission, Philae Shriners will provide reimbursement for meals at a rate of \$20.00 per day for one parent starting from the second day of the admission. For children who continue to receive outpatient care, Philae Temple will offer a reimbursement of \$40.00 per day for meals.

Reimbursement expenses are to be collected from the Social Work Department at the IWK upon the conclusion of the hospital visit. Receipts for these expenses shall be submitted to the Philae Shrine Center at the address provided below as soon as possible after the visit to the IWK.

## ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Philae Shriners PO Box 9050, St. 'A'  
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3K 5M7  
(902) 454-7811 or 1-800-675-4074  
Email: [shriners@eastlink.ca](mailto:shriners@eastlink.ca)

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