



Travel Management Center

YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION

PRE-AUTHORIZED TRAVEL (Updated 5.21.18)

PURPOSE: Beneficiaries of Indian Health Services will be considered for YKHC Payment (YK-Pay) for travel due to specific diagnosis and situations only after all other resources and payment options have been exhausted. This will assist beneficiaries not covered by Medicaid or private insurance.

Non-beneficiaries are not covered under this policy and not eligible for YK pay.

Urgent/emergent situations occur which may warrant special authorization for YK-Pay. These will be handled on a case-by-case basis and require Administrator On-Call approval. The Administrator on-call can be contacted by tiger texting the Administrator On Call or by contacting the operator at 543-6300.

In cases of IHS beneficiaries who are seen in village after normal business hours and are required to travel for a higher level of care, the Emergency Room attending physician or the North Wing attending physician may authorize YK-Pay for travel and escort if medically indicated.

In cases of IHS beneficiaries who are seen in ER and are required to travel for a higher level of care, the **Emergency Room attending physician may authorize YK pay** for travel and escort if medically indicated. This is applicable for beneficiaries, who may be under financial hardship, are not covered by 3rd party insurance or Medicaid, or who are not able to obtain Medicaid prior authorization after hours.

Once patients are approved for YK Pay you do not need to call each day for weather delays.

All patients qualifying for Pre-Authorized YK-Pay travel will be expected to apply for Medicaid or other 3rd party coverage when applicable. One way paid until patient shows proof of Medicaid application. After application verification, one way home will be paid.

The following diagnosis and situations qualify for Pre-Authorized YK-Pay for travel and **do not** require Administrator On-Call approval: (Please see below for explanation.)

1. Cancer Patients
2. Escort for Elderly Patients (65 & older) when medically indicated
3. Escort for Children under 18, Medicaid Recipient
4. Escort for Deceased Patients
5. Health Aide Escort
6. HIV Patients
7. Medevac Patients Return



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8. Escort for Mentally or Physically Incapacitated Patients
 9. Prenatal 1st Appointment, Urgent/Emergency
 10. Stretcher Patients
 11. Contract Health travel
 12. TB Patients
 13. Stroke Follow-Up
 14. Heart Attack Follow-Up
 15. Cataract Evaluations & Surgery
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1. Cancer Patients (patients who have been previously diagnosed with cancer)
 - Follow-up screening such as colonoscopy, pap or mammograms
 - Treatment
 - Evaluations
 - Escort to accompany during treatment - **Escorts are required to stay with the patient throughout the patient's stay as caretaker**
 - Follow-up appointments and evaluations (patient doing well), escort not included
 2. Escort for Elderly Patients
 - Patients 65 and older
 - Non-elective travel – Life, limb or sensory threatening
 - Emergency
 - **Escorts are required to stay with the patient throughout the patient's stay as caretaker**
 3. Escort for Children under 18, Medicaid Recipient
(If a child requires a medical escort, Medicaid will only cover the necessary medical escort.)
 - Parent, legal guardian or family member
 - Escort must see Bethel TMC or Quyana Travel in Anchorage to be put on the child's Medicaid travel forms to return with the child
 - **Escorts are required to stay with the patient throughout the patient's stay as caretaker**
 4. Escort for Deceased Patients
 - Escorts return flight after accompanying critical patient who has passed
 5. Health Aide Escort
 - Required medical escort village-Bethel
 - Round trip village-Bethel-village



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- Must be pre-approved by the YK admin on call and CHAP Administrator On-Call
6. HIV Patients
 - Treatment
 - Evaluations
 - Escort to accompany during treatment. **Escorts are required to stay with the patient throughout the patient's stay as caretaker**
 - Follow-up appointments and evaluations (patient doing well), escort not included
 7. Medevac Patients
 - Return flight Bethel-village
 - Patient must show proof of Medicaid application
 - Escort if patient is under 18 or over 65 as medically indicated to accompany patient
 - Escort to accompany patient as medically required for life or limb threatening conditions
 - **Escorts are required to stay with the patient throughout the patient's stay as caretaker**
 8. Escort for Mentally or Physically Incapacitated Patients
 - Escort, must be physically able to assist patient
 - **Escorts are required to stay with the patient throughout the patient's stay as caretaker**
 9. Prenatal
 - 1st prenatal visit
 - Urgent
 - Emergency
 - Be in Bethel Dates
 10. Stretcher Patients
 - Routine flight
 - Charter, if no other options available, must be pre-approved
 11. Contract Health Travel
 - Patients requiring travel from home Village to Anchorage for approved Contract Health Services
 - Village to Anchorage for patients who are referred out of state by ANMC
 - ANMC will pay the out of state portion
 12. TB patients



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- Patients requiring travel for evaluation and treatment of a positive PPD
- Patients requiring travel for evaluation and treatment of active TB
- Non-beneficiaries with active TB who require travel should be managed by the YK administrator on call

13. Stroke Follow-Up (patients previously diagnosed with a stroke)

- Patients requiring travel for testing, treatment and evaluation related to their previous stroke
- Follow-up appointments and evaluations (patient doing well), escort not included

14. Heart Attack Patients (patients previously diagnosed with a heart attack)

- Patients requiring travel for testing, treatment and evaluation related to their previous heart attack
- Follow-up appointments and evaluations (patient doing well), escort not included

15. Cataracts

- Patients requiring travel for evaluation and surgery for cataracts escort approved for surgery only/



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YKHC PAYMENT LODGING, MEALS & TAXIS

Beneficiaries not covered by Medicaid or private insurance.

Bethel

Lodging

- Hostel – will be covered for all YK Pay patients and escorts
- Hostel full – Procedures in place for alternate lodging with repayment agreement

Meals

- **Elders, 65 and older, only**
- Meal tickets for the YKDRH cafeteria are given out by Community Relations, X6350, during the weekdays
- North Wing has meal tickets available for escorts of elders who have been admitted to the hospital during the weekend

Taxis

- **Provided only under extraordinary circumstances**
- Medevac patients and required escorts – taxi voucher to return to airport only
- Not applicable to Bethel residents. Exception - If YKHC is at fault due scheduling, availability, etc. resulting in an additional trip to the hospital, round trip taxi vouchers will be provided upon approval

Anchorage

Lodging, & Meals

- **Not applicable for YK-Pay**

Taxis

- Alaska Native Medical Center provides shuttle service between the Anchorage airport and ANMC 7 days a week. Please access web link for times http://www.anmc.org/assets/images/uploads/uploadsANMCShuttleFlyer_Final.pdf
- **After hours/weekend provided under extraordinary circumstances and only for taxi service between airport and receiving medical facility** Contact Qavartarvik Hostel for taxi voucher