

National Travel Assistance Scheme

Am I eligible for travel assistance?

If you are referred for treatment by your publicly funded health or disability specialist (not a GP) to another publicly funded specialist and can answer 'yes' to one or more of the following questions, you maybe eligible to claim travel assistance after 1 January 2006.

- 1 Do you travel more than:
 - 80km one way, per visit (for a child)?
 - 350km one way, per visit (for an adult)?
- 2 Do you visit a specialist 22 or more times in two months?
- 3 Do you visit a specialist six or more times in six months and travel more than:
 - 25km one way, per visit (for a child)?
 - 50km one way, per visit (for an adult)?
- 4 Are you a Community Services Card holder and travel more than:
 - 25km one way, per visit (for a child)?
 - 80km one way, per visit (for an adult)?

Please note:

To be eligible to claim for travel assistance you must be referred by a publicly funded specialist (not a GP). If you receive, or are eligible for, travel assistance from another provider such as ACC, Work and Income, Ministry of Transport, or Ministry of Education, you may not be eligible for assistance under the National Travel Assistance Scheme.

A child is anyone younger than 18 years of age at the time of treatment.

For more information about claiming travel assistance please contact a District Health Board Travel Co-ordinator, a District Health Board social worker or the Ministry of Health, National Travel Assistance, PO Box 1026, Wellington or on freephone **0800 281 222** (press option 2).

All claims for travel assistance will be treated in accordance with the National Travel Assistance Policy Document effective 1 January 2006.