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**QUESTION:** What is the policy for transporting individuals on social assistance who need assistance to travel to and from medical appointments?

**ANSWER:** As per the Social Assistance Transportation Allowance Policy (Policy 6-3), funding for transportation to and from medical appointments within the province is provided as follows:

Transportation expenses for the applicant to obtain medical services at a rate of 20¢/km, to a maximum of \$31 per month or actual costs. The lesser of the two rates shall be the allowable expense. This maximum may be exceeded in exceptional circumstances, and where need is clearly established, by the Departmental designated authority.

As noted in the policy, clients with medical conditions that require more frequent travel (for example, Kidney Dialysis) are often approved for a greater amount by a supervisor when need is clearly established.

Out of province travel for medical treatment is covered on a per cost basis provided the treatment is medically necessary, is not available in Prince Edward Island and the client travels to the nearest available center where the treatment is provided.

In situations where out of province travel for medical treatment is required, clients should speak to their social assistance worker before traveling.