



# DISABILITIES RESOURCE CENTRE

## National Travel Assistance

### Eligibility

You may be eligible if:

- you have been referred to the specialist you're going to see by another specialist (not a GP)
- both specialists are publicly funded – that is, they are part of a government-funded health and disability service (for example, a renal dialysis centre or a specialist disability service)
- you can answer 'yes' to one or more of the questions in the checklist below:
  1. Do you travel more than:
    - 80 km one way per visit (for a child)?
    - 350 km 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:
    - 25 km one way per visit (for a child)?
    - 50 km one way per visit (for an adult)?
  4. Are you a Community Services Card holder and travel more than:
    - 25 km one way per visit (for a child)?
    - 80 km one way per visit (for an adult)?

### What Could I Get?

Assistance with travel costs may cover private vehicle, public transport and specialised transport needs (for example, taxi, mobility taxi or air travel). Mileage is calculated via the shortest practical route from your residential address to the facility or hospital treating department.

Accommodation costs may include payment towards the cost of a motel room, or an allowance when staying with friends and family (accommodation is not usually approved for travel less than 100 km one way).

You may also be able to claim assistance towards a support person's costs. When a child is eligible for travel and accommodation assistance, they're automatically eligible for assistance towards a support person's costs.

### Where To From Here?

Come in and see us to get the forms you will need to fill out. See <http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/services-and-support/health-care-services/hospitals-and-specialist-services/travel-assistance> or call the Ministry of Health on 0800 855 066.

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