

 <p>Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Office régional de la santé de Winnipeg Caring for Health À l'écoute de notre santé</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>POLICY</b></p>	<p><b>REGIONAL</b></p> <p>Applicable to all WRHA governed sites and facilities (including hospitals and personal care homes), and all funded hospitals and personal care homes. All other funded entities are excluded unless set out within a particular Service Purchase Agreement.</p>		Level:  1
	Policy Name:  <b>Responsibility for Care of First Nations Patients from First Nations Communities with Transportation Restrictions</b>	Policy Number:  80.20.140	Page:  1 of 2
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## 1.0 **PURPOSE:**

- 1.1 To provide direction to staff working in WRHA facilities and WRHA funded facilities the circumstances by which patients from First Nations Communities with Transportation Restrictions will remain in an Acute Care Facility.
- 1.2 To recognize geographical complexities related to repatriation of patients to their First Nations Communities with Transportation Restrictions.
- 1.3 To support patient's continuity of care as it pertains to access of familial support, escort provisions, and further transportation arrangements, as dictated by external agencies such as First Nations Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB).

## 2.0 **DEFINITIONS:**

- 2.1 Acute Care Facility or Acute Care Facilities: one or more of the WRHA owned, operated or funded hospital.
- 2.2 First Nations Communities with Transportation Restrictions: one or more of the following First Nations communities, where funded air transportation is restricted to a direct route between the specified First Nations community and Winnipeg:
  - Berens River
  - Bloodvein
  - Little Grand Rapids
  - Garden Hill
  - Pauingassi
  - Poplar River
  - Red Sucker Lake
  - St. Theresa Point
  - Wasagamack

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### 3.0 **POLICY:**

Patients of an Acute Care Facility who are identified as being from a First Nations Community with Transportation Restrictions shall remain in the Acute Care Facility in Winnipeg for the entire duration of their medical stay. Patients from the specified communities cannot be returned to a rural hospital in their own region.

### 4.0 **PROCEDURE:**

Any care provider identifying a patient as being from a First Nations Community with Transportation Restrictions shall complete the Aboriginal Health Programs – Health Services Patient Referral/Consult Form and fax it to Aboriginal Health Programs – Health Services Central Intake line. The purpose of the referral is to engage the Aboriginal Health Program in assisting in the development of the transition plan for the patient back to their First Nations Community with Transportation Restrictions.

### 5.0 **REFERENCES:**

5.1 Remote Isolated Communities found at  
<http://home.wrha.mb.ca/corp/ahs/files/FNCommunities.pdf>

5.2 Aboriginal Health Programs – Health Services Central Intake Form found at  
[http://home.wrha.mb.ca/corp/ahs/files/Patient\\_ConsultForm.pdf](http://home.wrha.mb.ca/corp/ahs/files/Patient_ConsultForm.pdf)

5.3 Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Medical Transportation Policy Framework found at:  
[http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/pubs/nihb-ssna/\\_medtransp/2005\\_med-transp-frame-cadre/index-eng.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/pubs/nihb-ssna/_medtransp/2005_med-transp-frame-cadre/index-eng.php)

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