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# **Government of Nunavut Department of Health**

## **2015/2016 Annual Report on the Operation of the Medical Care Plan**

**From the Director of Medical Insurance**









### **Uninsured Physician Services**

Only services prescribed by, and rendered in accordance with, the Act and regulations, and the *Hospital Insurance and Health and Social Services Administration Act* and regulations, are insured.

All other services, including physician services that are not medically necessary, are considered uninsured. Services provided under the Workers Safety and Compensation Commission (WSCC) and any other federal or territorial legislation are not insured under the Nunavut Health Insurance Plan.

### **Insured Services Provided in Canada (Outside of Nunavut)**

The Act, Section 4(2), prescribes the benefits payable when insured medical services are provided outside Nunavut, but within Canada.

Nunavut has physician reciprocal billing agreements with all provinces and territories (with the exception of Quebec, where physicians bill directly for fee for service). These agreements provide payment of insured services on behalf of eligible Nunavut residents receiving insured services outside of the Territory.

In 2015/2016 a total of \$8,088,273 was paid for physician services provided outside of the Territory.

### **Insured Services Provided Outside Canada**

The *Medical Care Act*, Section 4(3), prescribes the benefits payable when insured medical services are provided outside Canada. When Nunavut residents become ill and require a health service while travelling for pleasure or business, insured physician services are paid at rates equivalent to those paid had the service been provided in Nunavut.

In 2015/2016, a total of \$667.00 was paid for physician services provided outside of Canada.

In 2015/2016 there were no patients medically referred outside of the country for health services.