

Coverage for Services Unavailable in Canada

When an insured service is unavailable in Canada, special rates of payment may apply when the following conditions are met:

- a) A Saskatchewan listed specialist, within whose field of practice the required service lies, submits a written application for Ministry consideration of request for coverage of medical services unavailable in Canada to:

Director, Insured Services
Medical Services Branch, Ministry of Health
3475 Albert Street, Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 6X6

- b) The written application is made prior to referral of the patient for treatment outside Canada;
- c) The application must state:
- the patient's name, address and valid Health Services Number;
 - pertinent clinical details and diagnosis;
 - the nature of the service required and confirmation by the specialist that, to the best of his knowledge, the service(s) being requested is not obtainable within Canada;
 - where possible the name and location of the physician who is to provide the service
- d) **Prior approval** must be obtained from the Ministry of Health's Medical Services Branch. The Ministry's decision regarding the coverage request and the rate of payment to apply is provided in writing to both the referring specialist and the beneficiary.