



**Nunatsiavut Government (NG)
Department of Health and Social Development (DHSD)**

POLICY for Traveling Interpreter/Translator

The Nunatsiavut Government (NG) – Department of Health and Social Development (DHSD), through the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program, will cover the cost of transportation and accommodations for an Interpreter/Translator to accompany unilingual patients for medical appointment(s) when necessary.

The Interpreter/Translator will be paid \$150.00 per day from the time they leave the home community of the patient to the time they return to the home community with the patient. A \$150.00 advance will be given upon departure from Happy Valley – Goose Bay, if requested/required. Further advances will be considered if an Interpreter/Translator is away from home for a prolonged period of time.

The Interpreter/Translator will be expected to:

- Accompany the Patient to all medical appointments (including in-patient doctor’s visits);
- Be available to the Patient at all times;
- Assist the Patient physically and/or emotionally whenever necessary;
- Be available to the Patient at all times enroute and from the health care facility and/or place of accommodations.

An Interpreter/Translator who refuses to comply with any of the above or who has to be removed from the health care facility or place of accommodation for reasons related to personal behavior will no longer be the financial responsibility of the Nunatsiavut Department of Health and Social Development.

I (print-out full name) _____ understand the above policy and agree to comply with the same.

Name of Patient: _____

Signature of Interpreter/Translator: _____