

**DHSD Ministers Statement  
Health Services  
[NG-NIHB]  
[February 2026]**

Item	Topic	Details
1.	NIHB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Interpreter/Translator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Interviews for two applicants have been completed.</li> <li>○ Waiting for the Language division to complete testing.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>○ <b>Medical Transportation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Medical Transportation Analyst part time position reposted on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, closes on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>○ <b>Vision:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. McIntosh is scheduled for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nain – January 26-31st, 2026(completed)</li> <li>● Hopedale - March – 6-9<sup>th</sup>, 2026</li> <li>● Makkovik – June 1-5<sup>th</sup>, 2026</li> <li>● Nain – August 17-20<sup>th</sup>, 2026</li> <li>● Hopedale – September 12-15<sup>th</sup>, 2026</li> <li>● Postville - November 2-5<sup>th</sup>, 2026</li> <li>● Rigolet – May 4-7<sup>th</sup>, 2026</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li>   <li>○ <b>Pharmacy/MSE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The PLA drug rebate for FY2025-26 Q3 (October 1 – December 31, 2025) is \$709,997.59. These rebates are scheduled to be transferred to Nunatsiavut on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>○ <b>NG Dental Hygienist Visits:</b></li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Currently no Dental Hygienist for Nunatsiavut. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Have completed interviews with five Dental Hygienists</li> <li>● In the process of contracting two.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>NG Community Dental Visits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Power resigned.</li> <li>○ In the process of recruiting another Dentist.</li> <li>○ Dr. Toor is scheduled for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rigolet – January 15-20<sup>th</sup>, 2026.</li> <li>● Postville – January 26-28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (extended trip due to weather delays, was scheduled to travel to Nain but cancelled due to weather).</li> <li>● Nain – February 26<sup>th</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.</li> <li>● Makkovik – March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.</li> <li>● Rigolet – March 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Contract being developed for Denturist to travel to Nunatsiavut communities.</li> <li>○ Electronic software and Digital x-rays purchased for all 5 dental suites. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ IT still setting up.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>