

The Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) helps cover travel and accommodation costs when you or your child need to travel long distances to attend specialist medical appointments.

#### Who is it for?

You may be eligible if:

- · You live in regional, rural or remote NSW
- You (or your child) are travelling to see a medical specialist or attend hospital
- The trip is more than 100 km (one way), or more than 200 km in a week for multiple visits
- Appointments must not be available locally.

Children must be referred by a medical professional, and appointments must not be available locally.

## How does it help?

IPTAAS can help cover:

- Fuel and public transport costs
- Taxi fares (if medically necessary)
- Air travel (in special circumstances)
- Accommodation if you're staying overnight for the appointment
- An escort or parent to travel with a child.

## What do you need?

To apply, you'll need:

- · A valid Medicare card
- A referral from your GP or specialist
- · Appointment details and receipts (for travel
- and accommodation)
- A way to apply online or complete a paper
- form.

## How to apply

You can apply:

- Online through the IPTAAS portal
- · Or using a paper form
- Ask your local hospital, community health centre or GP for help with the application
- Applications can be submitted before or after the appointment.

# Need help?

Ask your social worker, GP or local health service Call the IPTAAS team on 1800 478 227

#### Learn more

Visit the IPTAAS website: <a href="https://www.iptaas.health.nsw.gov.au/for-patients">www.iptaas.health.nsw.gov.au/for-patients</a>

For a full list of financial and practical supports available visit: bit.ly/BF-FinancialSupport-E25



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