

FEDERAL FUNDS RELATING TO MEDICAL TRAVEL CO-PAYMENTS

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During the 2001-2002 fiscal year, the Government of the NWT received \$1,265,697 for medical travel co-payments under the federal Non-Insured Health Benefits program for First Nation and Inuit residents in the NWT.

COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COLLECTING CO-PAYMENTS

Three Health and Social Services Authorities (Fort Smith, Stanton and Inuvik) administer the Medical Travel Program. All three Authorities manage the program within a suite of benefit programs for residents. Accordingly, the actual cost of co-payment administration cannot be isolated.

However, when medical travel was decentralized from the Department's Health Services Administration offices to the Authorities on April 1, 1996, the funding allocated to cover the Medical Travel Program was for three (3) full-time positions or approximately \$180,000.

