

Tax Tip
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Travel Costs as a Medical Expense

If an individual travels at least 80 km. for medical services, the travel expenses will qualify as medical expense for income tax purposes. CRA has recently changed their position on qualifying expenses. The former policy was to allow meals and accommodation while travelling but not during the stay at the hospital.

The new policy allows for expenses to include the cost of meals, accommodation and attendant care while the individual is receiving treatment. If the patient is receiving care as an outpatient, then meals and hotel costs for both the patient and attendant will qualify as a medical expense.