



Changes to Extended Health Benefits Policy

The Extended Health Benefits Policy uses public funds to give eligible NWT residents access to additional health benefits beyond what is covered under the NWT Health Care Plan. The updated policy, starting on September 3, 2024, aims to ensure fair access to extended health benefits for all NWT residents.

SPECIFIED DISEASE CONDITION

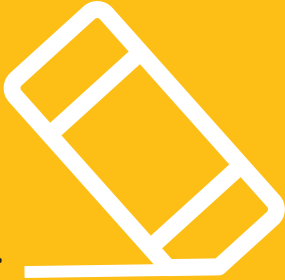


EXISTING POLICY

Determines eligibility for benefits.

NEW POLICY

Removal of requirement to have a specified disease condition to access benefits.



WHY IS THIS NEEDED?

The new Extended Health Benefits Policy makes it easier for residents to get the health benefits they need. Now, residents can access a wide range of benefits without needing a specific disease condition.



INCOME ASSESSMENT





EXISTING POLICY

No requirement for income assessment.

NEW POLICY

Introduction of income assessment.



WHY IS THIS NEEDED?

Income testing helps us strike a balance between providing the support residents need and ensuring responsible use of public funds. Income testing ensures that benefits are allocated based on financial need, ensuring that those who need the most support receive it.

ELIGIBILITY & TERMS & CONDITIONS



EXISTING POLICY

Eligibility and terms and conditions are tied together for all benefits.

NEW POLICY

Benefits are set out in Schedules each with its own terms and conditions for eligibility and levels of coverage.



WHY IS THIS NEEDED?

The new Extended Health Benefits Policy is about providing more coverage to people who couldn't apply before. We want to make sure everyone has access to essential health benefits. Under the new policy, a range of benefits is now available to all residents, each with its own eligibility criteria and coverage levels.

