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Re: Request for Prior Approval for Full Payment of Insured Out-of-Province (OOP) Health Services (in another province/territory)

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The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the ministry) receives and processes requests for funding for planned medical services outside of Ontario, but within Canada. In order to receive full funding, certain insured services must receive prior written approval before any services are provided. Therefore the ministry recommends that prior approval be received from the ministry before the requested (OOP) medical services are provided. Previously, these requests were submitted on the Out-of-Country (OOC) Prior Approval for Full Payment of Insured Out-of-Country Health Services form.

The ministry has introduced a new form, the **Request for Prior Approval for Full Payment of Insured Out-of-Province (OOP) Health Services (in another province/territory)**.

This form is to be used for patients requesting prior approval of services outside of Ontario (but within Canada). It does not replace the current Out-of-Country (OOC) Prior Approval for Full Payment of Insured Out-of-Country Health Services form (4520-84) which is still to be used to request prior approval for payment of insured health services outside Canada.

Insured physician and hospital services generally do not require prior approval when rendered in another province/territory; however, there are exceptions and if a patient is unsure, an application may be submitted for clarification.

Please note, any service that requires prior approval in Ontario would require prior approval if rendered in another province/territory. Prior approval is advised for services that are excluded from existing interprovincial billing agreements.

The application form (4963-84) and completion instructions are available on the ministry's website at the following address: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/forms/ohip_fm.aspx.