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Direct Deposit for Northern Health Travel Grant Program

Northern residents can get approved grants deposited directly into their bank accounts starting November 30, 2020

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New Direct Deposit Payment Option

The Ministry of Health now offers direct deposit, also known as Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), for the Northern Health Travel Grant (NHTG) Program. This payment option supports the Ontario government's efforts to improve service delivery and make programs more convenient and easier to access.

Direct deposit is:

- faster and secure
- convenient and reliable
- an environmentally friendlier way of doing business

Direct deposit is optional, not mandatory. Cheque payments will remain available to NHTG recipients.

NHTG Application Form Changes

A new section has been added to the NHTG application form for "Payment Preference". This section provides applicants the option to choose direct deposit or remain with mailed cheque payment. Detailed instructions are provided on the form as well as on the NHTG web page for applicants who wish to receive direct deposit.

Provider Offices

Please order copies of the new version of the NHTG Application form by calling Ontario Shared Services at 416-679-8657 or by [emailing the Ontario Shared Services](mailto:ossdistribution@ontario.ca) [<mailto:ossdistribution@ontario.ca>](mailto:ossdistribution@ontario.ca).

Please discard all copies of outdated NHTG application forms once you have received copies of the new version of the NHTG Application form. Previous application versions with assigned form number 0327-88E (2019/01) do not contain the new Payment Preference section.

The new NHTG Application form is also available online and can be printed and provided to patients. To obtain a copy of the NHTG application form, [please visit the Ministry of Health website](#)

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/publications/ohip/northern.aspx> .

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