

Getting screened for cancer is important for early detection and treatment. However, for some, transportation barriers can affect their ability to attend screening appointments. B.C. offers various resources to support transportation to non-emergency medical services, including to cancer screening and follow-up appointments.

Health Authority	Services
INTERIOR HEALTH	<p><u>Care Transit</u> Care Transit provides discounted bus and car rides to screening appointments. This is a door-to-door service to all those who are eligible and living in Hope, and throughout the Fraser Canyon to Boston Bar.</p> <p>To learn more or book your trip:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the Care Transit Website • Call 604-869-3396 (Hope office) • Call 604-869-1831 (Boston Bar office) <p><u>Interior Medical Transport Society (IMTS)</u> IMTS is a non-profit organization that assists with the funding of transportation to those needing access to screening appointments in the Kootenays and Okanagan region.</p> <p>To learn more or book your trip:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the BCIMTS Website • Call 250-268-7978 • Email info@bcimtsociety.ca <p><u>Local Bus Services</u> Interior Health established bus services connecting small communities with regional hospitals across the Okanagan, Thompson Cariboo Shuswap, Kootenay Boundary, and East Kootenay.</p> <p>To Learn More: Interior Health Website</p>
ISLAND HEALTH	<p><u>Local Transportation Services</u> Island Health created a comprehensive transportation network supporting people in multiple Gulf Islands, the North Island and the West Coast providing door-to-door services for screening appointments.</p> <p>To learn more or book a service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the Island Health Website • Call 1-844-940-6617 • Email info.patient.transportation@islandhealth.ca

FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Treaty 8 Tribal Associations (T8TA) Medical Transportation

T8TA is helping registered First Nations peoples living **off-reserve** in Northeastern BC supplement the cost of travel to access out-of-community screening appointments. Clients can contact their respective Nation to ask about extended Medical Transportation benefits.

Contact Holly Yerhoff for more information and to apply:

- Email medicaltransport@treaty8.bc.ca
- Call 250-785-0612 (ext. 228) or.
- Call First Nations Health Authority 1-855-550-5454

Registered First Nations peoples living **on-reserve** can access the same medical transportation benefits by contacting the Patient Travel Clerk at their respective band office.

To learn more and apply:

- Visit the [FNHA Website](#)
- Call First Nations Health Authority 1-855-550-5454

NORTHERN HEALTH

Northern Health Connections (NHC)

NHC medical bus service offers discounted bus services that support people with accessing screening appointments outside of their community in Northern B.C.

To learn more or book your trip:

- Visit the [NHC Website](#)
- Call 1-888-647-4997

Haida Gwaii: Eagle Transit

Eagle Transit operates a free bus service between Masset and Daajing Giids. This service is open to the public for general travel between Daajing Giids and Masset, however medical passengers will have priority.

To learn more or book your trip:

- Visit the [Eagle Transit Website](#)
- Call 250-559-4461
- Email eagle@haidagwaii.net

Tumbler Ridge: TR Cares

TR Cares runs a medical travel bus service from Tumbler Ridge to screening appointments out of town, as well as offering weekly rides to Dawson Creek. TR Cares also travels to Fort St. John once per month.

To learn more or book your trip:

- Visit the [TR Website](#)
- Call or text 250-242-7444

Travel Assistance Program (TAP)

TAP helps fund some of the transportation costs for eligible BC residents who must travel, by any means, anywhere within the province for screening appointments not available in their own community.

You can get TAP application forms from your physician, nurse practitioner, or specialty clinic if needed.

To learn more:

- Visit the [TAP Website](#)
- Call Health Insurance BC 604-683-7151 (Vancouver)
- Call 1-800-663-7100 (Elsewhere in BC)

HandyDART

HandyDART is TransLink's door-to-door bus service for those who are unable to navigate public transit without assistance due to a physical, sensory, or cognitive disability. All HandyDART trips are a 1-Zone fare.

To learn more:

- Visit the [HandyDART Website](#)

Hope Air

Through the BC Cancer Travel Support Program, Hope Air provides free flights, accommodations, and more to help individuals attend their screening appointments from rural and remote communities in Northern and Interior B.C., as well as Vancouver Island.

To learn more and request services:

- Visit the [Hope Air Website](#)