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NIHB Joint Review Update and Next Steps

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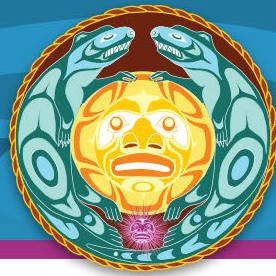


NIHB Joint Review: Background

- The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Action Plan developed by the AFN, with guidance from the National First Nations Health Technicians Network (NFNHTN), and the Chiefs Committee on Health in 2014 (Resolution 39/2014, *NIHB Action Plan*).
- NIHB Joint Review was identified as a work item under the NIHB Action Plan (Resolution 39/2014).
- (Then) Health Minister Rona Ambrose agreed to a comprehensive joint review of the NIHB program with the AFN in 2014.

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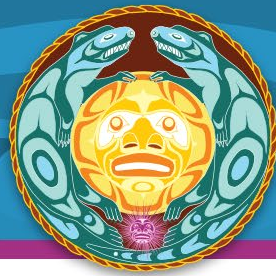


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NIHB Joint Review Steering Committee (JRSC)

- Comprised of equal representation of First Nations and First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) staff, and is guided by an Elder.
- First Nations representatives include Chiefs from the Chiefs Committee on Health (CCOH), members of the NFNHTN, regional NIHB Navigators and the AFN Health Sector staff.
- The FNIHB representatives include those in positions who can make decisions regarding the program including assistant deputy ministers.



NIHB Joint Review Purpose

- Designed as a comprehensive joint review of each benefit area - Vision, Dental, Medical Transportation, Medical Supplies & Equipment, Pharmacy, and Mental Health Counselling - of the NIHB program.
- The overall objective of the review is to identify and implement actions that:
 - enhance client access to benefits,
 - identify and address gaps in benefits,
 - streamline service delivery to be more responsive to client needs, and
 - increase program efficiencies.

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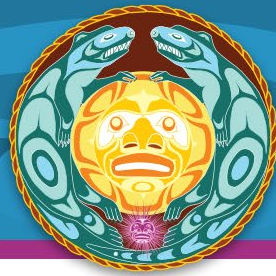
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NIHB Joint Review Technical Reviews

- Benefit Review (completed by the AFN).
- Operational Review and Community Mapping by Region (completed by Kahui Tautoko Consulting Ltd (KTCL).
- Regional Engagement (completed by each region).
- Benefit Profiles (completed by the FNHIB).

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NIHB Joint Review: Work Completed Prior to 2018

- Completed and approved the review of the Mental Health Counselling Benefit recommendations and implementation plan.
- ‘Quick wins’ specific to benefit areas identified throughout the process to date. e.g. Escorts provided to all pregnant women who require transportation outside their community.



NIHB JRSC Meeting Update

JRSC Meeting: March 20-22, 2018

- Approved Recommendation and Implementation Plans for:
 - Dental
 - Vision
- Proposed new First Nations committee structure.

JRSC Meeting (First Nations Technical Committee): July 17-19, 2018

- Discussed proposed Pharmacy Recommendations.

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NIHB JRSC Meeting Update

JRSC Meeting (First Nations Technical Committee): November 27-29, 2018

- Approved Recommendation and Implementation Plans for:
 - Pharmacy.
 - Discussed proposed Recommendations for Medical Supplies and Equipment.



NIHB Navigators

- National Navigators Network (NNN).
 - April 25 and 26, 2018
 - September 25 and 26, 2018
- Allows for the AFN to provide an update on the work of the Joint Review.
- Navigators provide input into the work of the Joint Review.

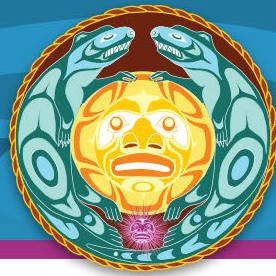


NIHB Resolutions Update

- Resolution 39/2014, *NIHB Action Plan as a Living Document*
- Resolution 03/2017, *NIHB Coverage of Medical Cannabis*
- Resolution 126/2016, *Ongoing Commitment for the NIHB Joint Review Process*
- Resolution 49/2017, *NIHB Equitable Access to Health Services*
- Resolution 56/2017, *NIHB Policy to Recognize Healing Through Traditional Healers*

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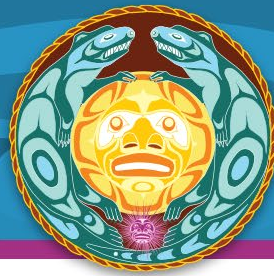


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NIHB Joint Review: Work to Come

- Recommendation and implementation plans for:
 - Medical Supplies and Equipment
 - Medical Transportation
 - Administrative and Operational Irritants
- NIHB Overview Report.

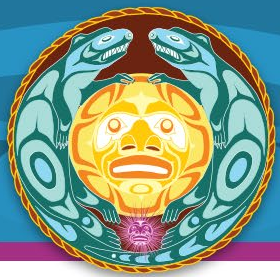


NIHB Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

- Identified under the NIHB Action Plan, further supported by Resolutions 126-2016 and 49-2017.
- The Monitoring and Evaluation Framework is being designed to gather data, build evidence and support decision-making concerning:
 - Implementation activities and related work associated with the review of the NIHB program.
 - Future assessment and monitoring activities of the NIHB program.
 - Guidance for continuing the conversation between the FNIHB, the AFN and First Nations.
 - The work of the AFN, CCoH and First Nations, as they move through a period of transition towards a transformative change in benefit delivery and governance.

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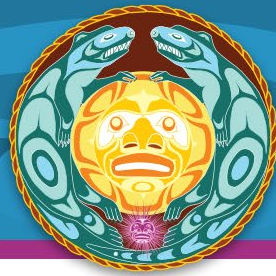
Moving forward

Ongoing work to improve benefit access, coverage and efficiency under the current NIHB Program

Supporting First Nations in the transformation of health services and systems, including NIHB

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Next Steps

- Sharing the work of the Joint Review with First Nations and ensuring the AFN continues to receive feedback on this work and on NIHB.
- Continuing the conversation with the FNIHB on NIHB to ensure there is a process for on-going input into the benefits program.
- Supporting First Nations as they consider options for transfer and/or transformation of NIHB.

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