

Policy Number SE4.370	Policy Section Supports and Services	Effective: January 1, 2019
Title: Travel Outside of BC with CLBC- Funded Services		Executive Sponsor: Vice-President, Regional Operations

1. PURPOSE

CLBC's vision is one in which people with developmental disabilities have lives filled with possibilities in welcoming communities. These possibilities may include the desire to experience travel outside of BC.

The *Community Living Authority Act* (CLAA) provides a mandate for CLBC to fund and manage community living support for CLBC-eligible individuals residing in British Columbia. The *Service Terms and Conditions for Contracts Between Community Living British Columbia and Service Providers* state that service providers may only contract to deliver services in BC.

This policy provides guidance to adults who plan to travel outside of BC with a service provider, and to CLBC-contracted service providers who want to support individuals to travel outside of BC.

2. DEFINITIONS

Adult: A person 19 years of age or older.

Community Living Support: Support and services to adults and families with developmental disabilities and other prescribed individuals that meet CLBC's eligibility requirements.

Individual: A person 19 years of age or older who is eligible for CLBC services, as defined in the CLBC *Eligibility Policy*.

3. POLICY

3.1 CLBC respects individuals' choice to travel outside of BC. Supported individuals may travel outside of BC with a CLBC-funded service provider for a maximum of 30 days.

3.2 Individuals must be fully informed that CLBC-funded supports will only be funded for up to 30 days while traveling outside of the province with a CLBC-funded service provider.

- 3.3** Where a service provider is supporting an individual to travel outside of BC, travel plans must be made in advance and should be person-centered, reflecting the individual's own desire to travel.
- 3.4** CLBC requires service providers to plan with individuals for any travel outside of BC, including documenting travel-related information about destination, duration of absence from BC, emergency contacts, basic medical coverage and risk mitigation.
- 3.5** Planning must include how supports will be provided in the event that a caregiver cannot deliver service for any reason, such as injury or another emergency situation.
- 3.6** Individuals traveling outside of the province with CLBC-funded services must obtain basic travel medical coverage to ensure they are covered for a medical emergency.
- 3.7** Support provided will be equivalent to that provided in BC. CLBC will not provide any additional funding for the individual's support outside of BC.
- 3.8** CLBC reserves the right to request planning documentation for individuals travelling outside of BC with a CLBC-funded service provider.
- 3.9** Any instances where an individual wishes to travel outside of BC with a service provider for more than 30 days must be approved in advance by VP Regional Operations and will occur only in rare and exceptional circumstances.

4. REFERENCES

British Columbia Employment & Assistance (BCEA) Policy and Procedure Manual – Residency in BC Eligibility

Community Living Authority Act (CLAA)

Eligibility Policy

Q&As for CLBC-Contracted Service Providers About the Policy: *Travel Outside of BC with CLBC-Funded Services*

Service Terms and Conditions for Contracts Between Community Living British Columbia and Service Providers (July 1, 2018)