

Refusal of Placement

Many patients will ask for a specific facility they would like to continue their healthcare journey. There are numerous reasons but some of the common ones are:

- ◆ close to their home
- ◆ close to family and friends
- ◆ preference of care providers

The discharge planning team will look at several things, including your request for a certain facility.

Sometimes this request can not be met because:

- there are no available beds
- the hospital requested can not meet your needs

Your healthcare team will talk with you about the hospital location they are able to get for you.

You can refuse this placement, but if you refuse you will be billed for your current hospital stay.

For further information, you can ask your healthcare team.

Returning to a Hospital Near Your Home

What you need to know

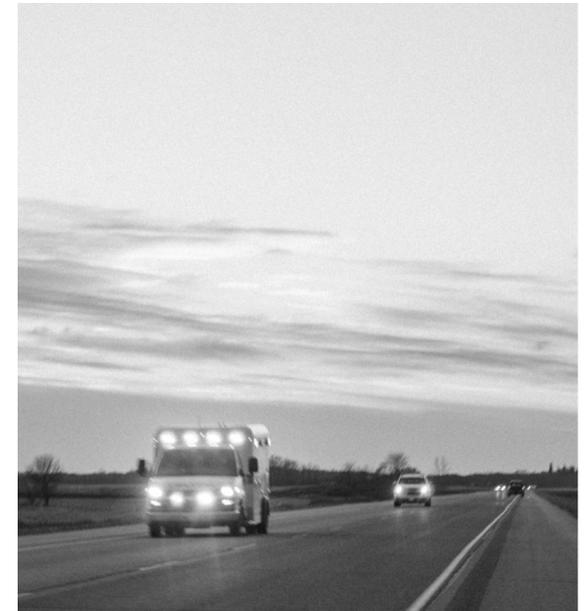


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Many patients in Saskatoon/ Regina hospitals live in smaller centers. These patients needed to come to Regina/Saskatoon to receive specialized care that hospitals closer to their home address were unable to provide.

As patient care progresses and patients start their road to recovery, they may no longer need those special services but still need further care in hospital.

Healthcare providers will begin looking at sending that patient to a hospital closer to their home address that can safely meet their health care needs.

Will I go back to the hospital nearest my home?

This will depend if that hospital has any beds and is safely able to meet your health care needs.

Can I choose what hospital I go back to?

There may be reasons as to why you would like to pick what hospital you continue your health care journey at. There is no promise that you will be given a bed at your chosen facility.

What are the good things about returning to a hospital near my home?

Good things that occur when patients are able to return to their home hospital:

- ◆ the patient is closer to their home community
- ◆ the patient is closer to their family and friends
- ◆ eases the pathway from hospital to returning to home
- ◆ allows other patients access to higher level of care in city hospitals.

Is there a cost to go back to my home hospital area?

This depends largely on the transportation method used to move between the two hospitals.

Ambulance services are not covered by Saskatchewan Health Care and there is a charge to use them. Fees depend on distance and type of ambulance used.

For further information:

1. Visit the Saskatchewan Health website at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/emergency-medical-services/ambulance-services>;
2. Call Sask Health 306-787-3764;
3. Ask a System Flow Coordinator.



What happens to return to a Hospital near my home?

A System Flow Coordinator will work with your doctor/healthcare team to determine when you are ready to return to your home hospital area.

Your doctor and health care team will agree your health care journey can be safely taken care of at a hospital closer to your home area.

A System Flow Coordinator will work to locate a hospital bed that can safely meet your needs in a hospital closer to your home area.

A bed is located in a hospital closer to your home area. Your healthcare team will discuss with you the best way to transport you to this new hospital. They will also discuss any associated costs of the transfer with you

You are moved to the hospital closer to your home area.