NSW Health Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Scheme (IPTAAS) is a subsidy scheme that financially assists people to access specialist medical treatment when it is not available in their local area.

You may be eligible for IPTAAS if you:

- Travel at least 100km (one way) from home to attend treatment
- Have travelled a total distance of 200km in one week from your usual place of residence to the treatment centre

Conditions apply.

Contact IPTAAS on 1800 478 227 and select 'Option 1'.

For more information regarding IPTAAS or transport, please call the Social Work Department on 4014 4804.

About Calvary

Founded in 1885 by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, Calvary is a charitable, not-for-profit, Catholic health care organisation. Our mission is to provide quality, compassionate health care to the most vulnerable, including those reaching the end of their life. With over 18,000 staff and volunteers, we have a national network of 14 Public and Private Hospitals, 72 Residential Care and Retirement Communities and 19 Community Care service centres.











Mater Newcastle

Awabakal Country, Locked Mail Bag 7, HRMC, NSW 2310, Australia www.calvarymater.org.au

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Calvary Mater Newcastle is a public hospital within the Hunter New England Local Health District network.

Are you having outpatient treatment at Calvary Mater Newcastle?

If so, you'll need to arrange transport to and from the hospital. You should consult your family, friends, neighbours, your local church group or local club to see if they can assist you to organise to bring you to and from your treatment.

There are also community transport organisations available to assist you.

Community Transport

- Transport may be available by bus or private car.
- Fees for transport will be charged.
- Some organisations are unable to transport people more than two to three times a week.
- Some community transport organisations can only transport people between certain hours. Please inform the hospital staff when your appointments are being planned.
- Community transport needs at least one weeks notice of your transport requirement.

Community Transport Groups

Newcastle/Lake Macquarie

- Mercy Services Community Transport (Newcastle and Lake Macquarie) -4961 3113
- Hunter Breast Cancer Foundation (HBCF) - 0419 658 875

Port Stephens

- Linked Community Services (Port Stephens) - 4984 7999
- Nelson Bay Cancer Patient Transport -0407 252 566
- Tomaree Breast Cancer Support Group - 0431 864 778
- Tomaree Prostate Cancer Support Group - 0407 252 566

Lower/Upper Hunter/Mid North Coast

- Maitland Community Care 4932 5755
- Cessnock Transport 2 Treatment -4923 0706
- Lower Hunter (Cessnock) Transport Services - 4019 9750
- Beresfield Community Transport -4964 1131

- Ourcare (Singleton and Maitland) -6571 2300
- Dungog Neighbour Care 4992 3348
- Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Care -6558 2454 / 6558 1748
- Transcare (Scone, Murrurundi, Muswellbrook) - 6545 3113
- Care N'go
 (Bulahdelah, Gloucester, Harrington, Taree, Tea Gardens, Tuncurry)
- Singleton Women with Cancer Group -6571 1737 / 6573 3220
- Hunter Breast Cancer Foundation (HBCF) - 0419 658 875
- Dungog Palliative Care Volunteers -0468 303 248

Other

- DVA-Veterans Affairs Transport 133 254
- Leukaemia Foundation 1800 555 021