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Dear Ms. Callahan:

RE: Group Insurance Benefits - Medical Transportation Coverage

Thank you for your letter of November 14, 2022 wherein you outline your concerns regarding Group Insurance Medical Transportation Coverage and the Medical Transportation Assistance Program (MTAP). You have outlined some very important issues and I appreciate your presentation of these matters.

As noted in your correspondence, the Group Insurance Committee (GIC) is currently reviewing the medical transportation coverage under the Group Insurance Program (GIP) for the April 1, 2023 renewal. The GIP is funded by both retiree/employee and employer contributions and these parties have agreed that the GIC will be the most appropriate forum to address requests relating to plan design changes.

The GIC reviews multiple requests for program changes annually and assess potential impacts to plan members. The GIC also has representation from the NL Public Sector Pensioners' Association. Recommendations of the GIC will be considered early in the New Year for the April 1, 2023 renewal.

Regarding your concerns with MTAP, the Department of Health and Community Services would be the point of contact for questions or concerns related to this program, and I note you have included Minister Osborne in your correspondence.

Thank you for contacting me on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

SIOBHAN COADY, MHA
President of Treasury Board
District of St. John's West

cc. Hon, Tom Osborne