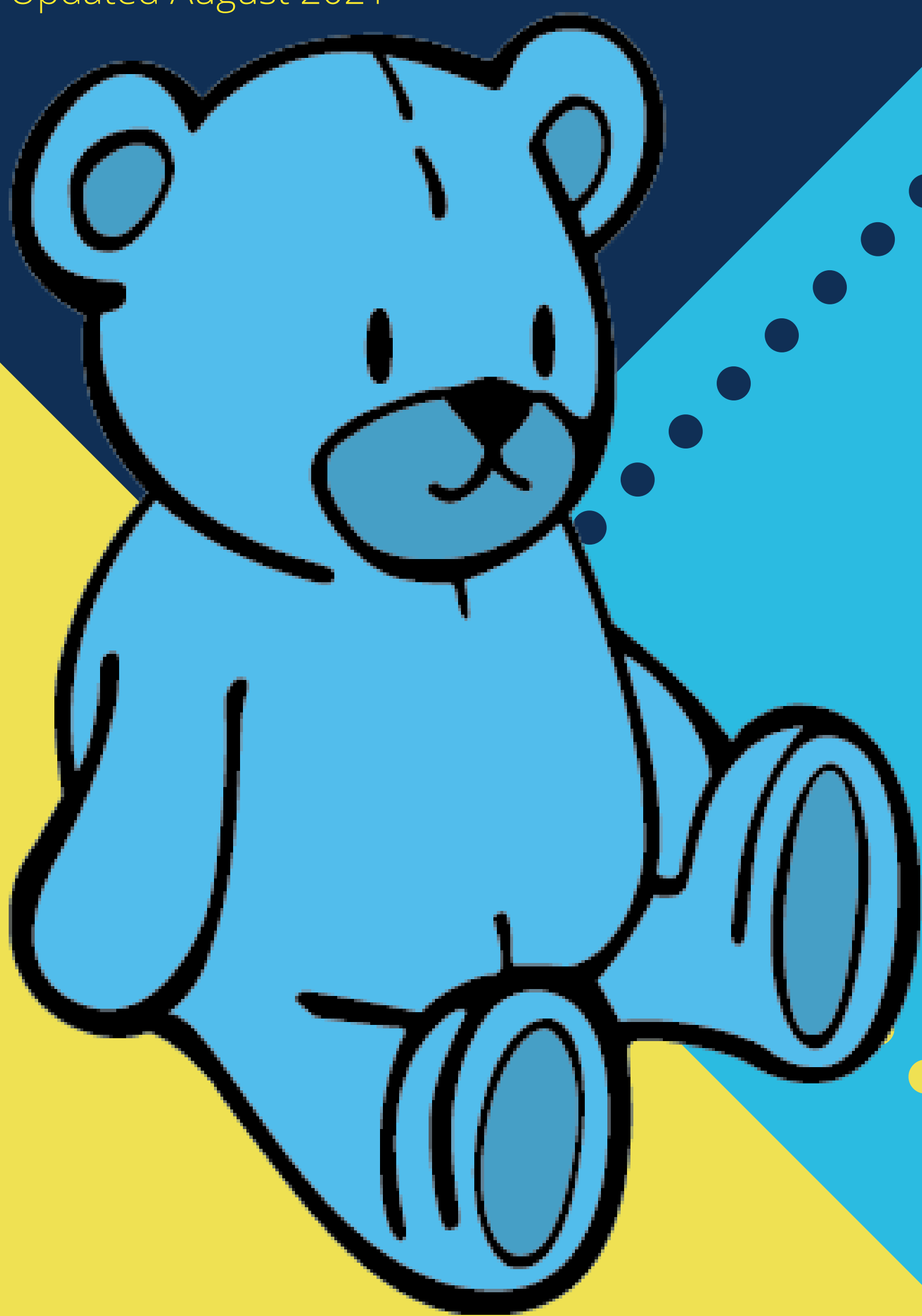


# JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

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## COMMUNITY TOOLKIT

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# Jordan's Story

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**Jordan River Anderson, a citizen of Norway House Cree Nation (NHCH), was born in Winnipeg on October 22, 1999. His parents lived in NHCN at the time of his birth.**

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**He was born with a complex genetic disorder and a severe developmental delay. He needed a tracheotomy, was ventilator dependent, and fed through a gastrostomy tube.**

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**Due to provincial and federal disputing and wrangling on who was responsible to pay for his care in NHCN, Jordan spent more than two years unnecessarily in hospital while he was approved for home care.**

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**Jordan died in the hospital on February 2, 2005, at the age of five years old. He never spent a day in his family home. Greif stricken, his mother passed away eight months after Jordan.**

For an in depth look, see the 2019 documentary:  
Jordan River Anderson, The Messenger

# What is Jordan's Principle?

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Jordan's Principle is meant to ensure that what happened to Jordan never happens again.

Delivers equal education, health, and social services in a timely manner. Provincial and federal governments will decide who pays afterward.

Your local navigator and/or liaison work to ensure Indigenous children (on or off reserve) receive the funding and services they need to live their best lives.

From July 2016 to March 2020, more than 572,000 products, services and supports were approved for First Nations children under Jordan's Principle.

# WHAT SERVICES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE?

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- Tutoring
- ECE Worker
- Education assistant
- Education or psycho-education assessment
- iPad or iPod with assistive software
- Specialized programs
- School supplies
- After-school support



- Physical therapy
- Mobility aids
- Hearing aids
- HEPA filter
- Mould remediation
- Formula
- Prescriptions
- Animal therapy
- Nurse consult
- Dietician
- Audiology
- Home support
- Occupational therapy



- Respite
- Training
- Services from elders
- Medicine walks
- Counselling
- Family care
- Transport
- Weighted blankets
- Wheelchair ramps
- Social worker
- Behaviour management

The list included within the Community Toolkit is not exhaustive and is intended for informational purposes only. Reimbursements are eligible from 2009 - forward for individual claims and 2016 - forward from group claims. Speak with your local service coordinator for additional information for your specific case.

# WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

First Nations children aged 0-18 or 19, depending on the rules of your province, are eligible no matter where they live, this includes:

- A child resident on or off reserve who is registered or eligible to be registered under the Indian Act
- A child resident on or off reserve who has one parent/guardian who is registered or eligible to be registered under the Indian Act.
- A child resident on or off reserve who is recognized by their Nation for the purposes of Jordan's Principle.
- A child ordinarily resident on reserve.

# WHO CAN APPLY?

- Parents or guardians of a First Nations child, as defined above.
- A First Nations child over the age of 16 can submit an application for themselves.
- An authorized representative of the child, parent, or guardian.
- Group applications can be submitted by any of the above, as well as a community or service provider (school, health clinics, etc.), case manager, and service coordinator or navigator.

# WHAT DO I NEED FOR AN APPLICATION?

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## Children's Information

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Indian Status Card Number (if registered), or Band Confirmation Letter of Registry



## Reason for the request

- What is the unmet need for the child?



## History of the request

- Has the item ever been submitted to Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB); private insurance company?
- What was the outcome?
- Is the request partially covered?



## Parent's Information

- Name
- Contact Information
- Indian Status Card Number (if applicable)



## Description of the requested product or service

- More than one item may be listed
- Duration required for the product or service (ongoing, one-time, etc.)



## Supporting documentation

- Referrals from a doctor or other health professional;
- Parental background letter;
- Education assessments;
- Supporting documentation or letters from teachers, or others;
- Receipts from out-of-pocket expenses.



## HELPFUL HINTS

### What if I lost a receipt?

- Ask the service provider if they can reprint a receipt for you. Many keep electronic versions.
- Copy all receipts as soon as you can so you have one for your own records.

### Where can I get supporting documents?

- Teachers; education assistants; school principal
- Doctor; nurse practitioner; specialists; other health professionals
- Chief; council members

# HOW DO I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

**MY CHILD NEEDS HELP**

**WHO IS MY LOCAL SERVICE COORDINATOR OR NAVIGATOR?**

See the contact list

**WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED?**

See the application checklist

**COMPLETE THE JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE APPLICATION**

Ask your service coordinator for the application

**REQUEST IS APPROVED**

Receive product, service, or reimbursement.

**SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION**

**WHEN IS A DECISION MADE?**

**INDIVIDUALS**

- Urgent Decisions - 12 hours
- Non-urgent decisions - 48 hours

**GROUPS**

- Urgent Decisions - 48 hours
- Non-urgent decisions - 1 week

**REQUEST IS DENIED**

\*An appeal can be submitted within one (1) year of the decision.

**APPEAL CHANGES**

As of 2021, appeals are reviewed by an independent board, not the government



# \*WHO CAN I CONTACT?

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\*Your community  
may also have  
a local navigator

**24/7 Toll  
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Centre**

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# The Future

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Jordan's Principle is a living document that has changed over time to be more accessible, this will continue. Those currently ineligible might qualify later on. If your case becomes eligible in the future, you may apply to be reimbursed.

