



RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS MANITOU RAPIDS



HEALTH

The Community Health Representative (CHR) is responsible for participating in the delivery of high standard Community Health, treatment and surveillance programs in order to provide quality health prevention and treatment in the community. As a member of the Health Care Team, he/she is also responsible for liaising between patients, families, the community and health care providers to ensure patients and families understand their conditions and treatment, and are receiving appropriate care. The CHR also educates and monitors the community for general health as well as provide assistance in the event of an epidemic and/or an emergency. The CHR works in co-operation with the Community Health Nurse (CHN) and provides support in the delivery of the mandatory programs outlined by Health Canada.

The CHR is also responsible for the management of the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) program, Medical Transportation for long distance medical appointments. Prior approval applications are submitted to the First Nations and Inuit Health office in Thunder Bay, on behalf of Rainy River First Nations community members for long distance medical appointments, for approval for transportation assistance according to the Medical Transportation Policy Framework.

Local medical appointments – optometrist, physiotherapy, physician, etc. – the CHR or the Health Services Secretary, coordinate and arrange for transportation using the medical van. Appointments are on a first come-first service basis and 24 hour notice of appointments are appreciated.