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A. Learners are encouraged to seek rental options that are as inclusive as possible. Utilities and parking should be included in the rental fee. The following may be reimbursed with proof of payment if not included in the rent.

Maximum of \$3,000 still applicable:

- Internet
- Parking
- Utilities

NOSM will not cover personal cell phone bills, rental insurance, or additional parking spaces.

Q11. Will meals be reimbursed in the \$3,000 reimbursement?

A. Typically, it is up to the learner to provide with own food during placements. If the location the learner rented is a hotel/motel with no storage or cooking appliances (kitchen, kitchenette, etc.). Meals can be reimbursed within the \$3,000 but must follow the meal allotments and guidelines of the NOSM Travel Reimbursement Policy.

Q12. Can I get a car rental within the \$3,000 reimbursement?

A. Not generally. If possible, learner should attempt to find accommodations that are within walking distance of the community's hospital or use their own personal vehicle. Some programs have the ability to reimburse taxis after long shifts, please refer to your NOSM Well App or Program Coordinators for more details. PGME residents are asked to discuss car rental options with their Program Coordinators pending circumstances.

Q13. If I have family or friends that will house me during my placements, can I give them the \$3,000 reimbursement?

A. No, please refer to the NOSM Travel Reimbursement Policy. If you stay with 'friends or family', you can claim \$30/day ($\$30 \times 28 \text{ days} = \840) to give as a gift to your family or friend. Learners must provide proof via written document submitted within the claim providing the family members name.

Q14. Why is this funding higher than the Resident Arranged Housing Option 2 Reimbursement normally?

A. This program is a direct impact of COVID19 and as such is resourced differently. Sole occupancy and higher stipends are not sustainable for NOSM as a publicly funded institution. This is subject to change of course depending on the conditions at the time.



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From January 11 to June 30, 2021, all Housing Option 2 claims are to be directed through their respective programs - it is a different process than normal. Please refer to the COVID Housing Reimbursement Procedure for details.

Q15. If I use the reimbursement option either by choice or necessity, do I lose future privileges to use NOSM housing?

A. No. This is a temporary COVID measure and we will move back to using NOSM shared housing and offering alternative solutions like "Option 2" housing for eligible learners once the pandemic subsides. This is not a permanent switch.

Q16. If I already have opted for Housing Option 2 and find my own housing normally, am I eligible for the increased reimbursement maximum?

A. Yes, during the COVID pandemic period associated with this process (January to June 30 2021), you may submit up to the maximum \$3,000 amount as there may be increased costs or challenges associated with housing during this time.