

Good News: RRSSSN Announces Partnership to Improve Access to Orthotics, Prosthetics and Positioning Services Directly in Nunavik

Kuujuuaq, October 13, 2026 – The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) is pleased to announce a partnership with **Santé Québec – CIUSSS du Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal** and the **Constance-Lethbridge Rehabilitation Centre (CLRC)** to develop orthotics, prosthetics and positioning services for Nunavimmiut.

The goal is to enable users in different communities to receive the orthotics, prosthetics and positioning assessments and services they need directly in Nunavik. They will also have access to the expertise and clinical support of specialized teams at the CLRC.

Orthotics and prosthetics are devices that can help support, stabilize or protect a part of the body, or replace a body part that is missing. **Positioning services**, meanwhile, involve selecting and adapting equipment, such as wheelchairs or other supports, to ensure a comfortable, safe position that meets the person's needs during their daily activities.

This initiative represents an important step toward **more equitable access to specialized services**, enabling Nunavimmiut to receive more services and follow-up care directly in their region.

Services Closer to Communities

The development of these services is part of the NRBHSS and health centres' commitment to providing **local services closer to communities**. This approach aims to make specialized services more accessible, reduce some travel outside Nunavik, and ensure greater continuity of care and follow-up. Services will also be adapted to the realities of the communities and provided using a culturally safe approach.

The project includes the regular presence of a professional technologist specializing in orthotics, prosthetics and orthopaedic care in Nunavik. Assessments and moulding can be carried out **directly in the communities**. When certain devices need to be manufactured in Montreal, they will then be brought back to Nunavik to be adjusted and provided to the person who will use them.

An Essential Regional Collaboration

This project builds on an existing partnership between the CLRC and the InuuIitsivik Health Centre (IHC), which will now be expanded to include the Tulattavik Health Centre of Ungava. Its implementation relies on collaboration among the NRBHSS, Santé Québec – CIUSSS du Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal, the CLRC, Nunavik's two health centres, as well as local professionals and teams who work every day to meet the needs of Nunavimmiut.



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