

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: SOUTH CAROLINA

METHODS OF PROVIDER TRANSPORTATION

Medicaid Transportation provides for beneficiary transport to and from medically necessary covered services under the Medicaid State Plan. Providers are responsible for the provision of transportation to include, but not be limited to, transport by minibus, passenger automobile, van, minivan and stretcher vehicle or other appropriate methods (i.e., ambulance, rotary helicopter, etc.). Service providers furnish and coordinate emergency and non-emergency transportation services to assure beneficiaries arrive to and depart from Medicaid services and providers.

Net services shall be provided within each region as defined by the state through the broker and in accordance with Medicaid generally accepted normal service delivery areas as required to meet the needs of the general Medicaid beneficiary population to include but not limited to dialysis and special populations for both normal business hours and after normal business hours, including weekends and holidays, as needed. Broker(s) are responsible for provision of all non-emergency transportation to include ensuring the transportation of all Medicaid eligible beneficiaries and attendants (escorts) from a state point of origin which may include prior approved in-state meals and lodging facilities to a specific Medicaid covered service and from the covered service back to the stated point of origin. Broker-based transportation shall encompass beneficiaries who may be non-ambulatory, restricted to transport in a supine or prone position that do not require medical attention during transport via non-emergency ambulance.

Transportation services mode of transport will include:

- Wheelchair van
- Taxi
- Bus passes
- Tickets
- Minibus
- Passenger automobile
- Van
- Minivan
- Non-emergency ambulance transportation

Access To Non-Emergency Transportation for Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Receiving Medicare Part D Outpatient Drugs

Transportation to and from a pharmacy to obtain Part D prescription drugs is covered for full benefit dual eligible beneficiaries and is provided through the Broker. No transportation to and from a pharmacy is available when the pharmacy delivers or can provide medications by mail order.

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Coverage of Meals, Lodging and Attendants (Escorts):

1. In-state services for lodging and meals for beneficiaries and escorts related to transport to Medicaid covered services, to include those provided by NET broker shall be made available to beneficiaries and attendants (escorts) and limited to prior approved arrangements and reimbursement as determined to be appropriate. When the State, in its sole discretion, determines it to be efficient, cost effective and

medically necessary, an attendant may accompany the recipient to and from covered medical services. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) in its role as the Medicaid State Agency shall provide final approval for meals, lodging, an attendant (escort) and any other payments. The Medicaid State Agency will make a case-by-case determination of the type of lodging arrangements and amount of reimbursement as may be appropriate for in-state lodging and meals for beneficiaries and attendants (escorts).

2. Out-of-state transportation services shall be made available to beneficiaries and escorts and limited to the arrangement or reimbursement, as may be appropriate for air fare, lodging, meals and ground transportation vehicle mileage to obtain an approved Medicaid service. When the State, in its sole discretion, determines it to be efficient, cost effective and medically necessary, an attendant (escort) may accompany the recipient to and from covered medical services. SCDHHS in its role as the Medicaid State Agency shall provide final approval for meals, lodging, an attendant (escort) payments. The Medicaid State Agency will make a case-by-case determination of the type of lodging arrangements and amount of reimbursement as may be appropriate for out-of-state mode of transport (air, ground, taxi shuttle service or rental care) lodging and meals for beneficiaries and attendants (escorts). The Medicaid State Agency will make the determination of medical necessity for beneficiaries to access out-of-state services and pre-authorize all transportation related services.

REFER TO ATTACHMENT 3.1-A, LIMITATION SUPPLEMENT FOR DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSURANCE OF TRANSPORTATION.

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