

COMMENTS FROM PROPOSED NEMT SERVICES FOR NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 29, 2017:

- 1) "It says it will be removing the responsibility from NEMT Broker, which is currently logisticare correct? We would just like to confirm that as of January 1, 2018, the nursing facilities will be able to schedule NEMT services through whichever provider they choose, and will no longer be REQUIRED to schedule Medicaid patients through Logisticare. Is this correct?"

SCDHHS Response: Effective January 1, 2018 nursing homes are responsible for coordinating and scheduling all non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) trips for healthcare providers. This process may be accomplished in several ways:

1. The nursing home may require healthcare providers to contact their facility directly for NEMT trips, or;
 2. The nursing home may allow healthcare providers that sign a memorandum of agreement to contact their preferred provider for NEMT services directly, or;
 3. The nursing home may contract with a company to manage the scheduling of NEMT trips
- 2) "Additionally, is the amount of money provided to each facility based on the number of transports provided the prior year based on the rates that Medicaid/Logisticare cover for the same services (wheelchair van/ambulatory van)? Is there somewhere that the public or other transportation providers can view the Medicaid rates for wheelchair-van and ambulatory transportation services?"

SCDHHS Response: The nursing facilities will receive an add-on to their current Medicaid reimbursement rate effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2018 based upon calendar year 2016 trip and mileage data provided by Logisticare. Nursing facilities are currently in the process of reviewing and confirming this data. The transport rates that the agency will employ in this pricing process are as follows:

Ambulatory Transports (A0120) – Flat Fee \$10/trip; \$1.15/mile
Wheelchair Transports (A0130) – Flat Fee \$25/trip; \$1.75/mile
Advanced Life Support Transports (A0426) – Flat Fee \$175/trip; \$2.50/mile
Stretcher and Basic Life Support Transports (A0428) – Flat Fee \$125/trip; \$2.50/mile

The transport rates that will be paid to the non-emergency transportation providers for nursing facility transports will be determined by each individual nursing facility based upon negotiations with their individual NEMT provider(s).

- 3) "How will ICF nursing homes be effective by, NEMT for Nursing Facilities – proposed starting JAN 1 2018?"

SCDHHS Response: The ICF/ID facilities are not impacted by this change. The SC Medicaid State Plan, Attachment 4.19-D, requires ICF/IDs to be responsible for all non-emergency related transports (excluding emergency ambulance transports) and this cost is reimbursed to each ICF/ID as part of its Medicaid per diem rate. This proposed action will now require the nursing facilities to be responsible for all non-emergency related transports (excluding emergency ambulance transports) and this cost will be reimbursed to each nursing facility as part of its Medicaid per diem rate effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2018.