

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: South Carolina

AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE
AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CATEGORICALLY NEEDY

The broker will not be a government entity. The broker will be an independent entity and may not itself provide transportation under the contract with the State, or refer or subcontract to a transportation provider with which it has a financial relationship.

Broker Services:

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Services:

Effective July 1, 2006, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services will provide Non Emergency Medical Transportation Services through a Broker System. Under this system, the broker(s) will be responsible for the administration and provision of non-emergency medical transportation services provided to eligible Medicaid recipients within the state. Effective March 1, 2011, Broker providers are reimbursed monthly one twelfth of the annual bid amount developed by the Broker(s) for the regions awarded during the competitive procurement process and the payment will be made via a gross adjustment. An adjustment may be made to the monthly payment in the event that the average retail price of fuel, including taxes, varies from one quarter to the next quarter by more than 20% in accordance with the following criteria:

During an abnormal disruption of the market as defined by South Carolina Code 39-5-145 in which the average retail price of fuel including taxes varies from one quarter to the next quarter by more than twenty percent (20%) according to the United States Department of Energy (DOE) quarterly average price index for the east coast region (PADD1), the Broker will be required to submit an addendum to the normal monthly invoice requesting an adjustment. For adjustment requests where the fuel price index increases by more than twenty percent (20%) from the previous quarter, the adjustment will be calculated by multiplying the fuel cost line item listed on the price proposal for the months effected, by one plus the additional percentage variance above twenty percent (20%). The DOE PADD1 index and forecast information is located on the DOE US Energy Information Administration website under forecasts and analysis of the short term energy outlook (http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/cfapps/STEO_TableBuilder/index.cfm).

The Broker (s) shall provide administrative oversight and reporting, recruit and negotiate contracts with transportation providers, payment administration, gate-keeping, certification and verification of need and cost-effectiveness, reservations, scheduling and trip assignments, and quality assurance.

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Provisions For Brokered Services

Non-Emergency Transportation (NET) services provides for beneficiary transport to and from medically necessary covered services under the Medicaid State Plan. 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 escorts from a stated point of origin which may include prior approved 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 and restricted to transport in a supine or prone position. Transportation services mode of transport will include:

- wheelchair van
- taxi
- bus passes
- airline tickets
- minibus
- passenger automobile
- van
- minivan
- non emergency ambulance transportation
- stretcher vans

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