

METHODS OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION

1. Ambulance service is a covered service under the plan, subject to the limits in Item 18a of Attachment 3.1-A.
2. Recipients are reimbursed for costs associated with medical transportation, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The source of necessary medical care is located outside the town or city limits of the community in which the recipient resides, or

The recipient resides in a rural area and must travel to a city or town to receive necessary medical care.

- b. The specific type of medical care required by the recipient is not available in the community in which the recipient resides, e.g., the recipient requires the services of a physician or a hospital and there is no physician or hospital in the recipient's community, or the recipient has been referred by the attending physician to a specialist in another community. Payment is not approved for transportation when the recipient prefers to receive service from a vendor in another community, but the same type of service is locally available and there is no medical reason why services from the out-of-town vendor are necessary.
- c. The local office has established that there is no resource available to the recipient through which necessary transportation might be secured free of charge.
- d. Transportation may be of any type and may be provided from any source. If transportation is by car, the maximum payment, to the recipient is the actual charge made by the provider for transportation to and from the source of medical care, based on a fee schedule. If public transportation, e.g., bus, is used, the basis of payment shall be the actual charge made by the provider of transportation. When public transportation is reasonably available to or from the source of care, it must be used.
- e. For a child too young to travel alone or an adult or a child who by reason of physical or mental incapacity is unable to travel without an escort, payment may be made to meet the transportation costs of the escort subject to the same conditions as for the person requiring medical services.

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- f. Payment for transportation to receive necessary medical care is made by the Department directly to the recipient except when the provider of transportation is a Department volunteer.

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