

## STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State of VIRGINIA

## METHODS OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION

**12 VAC 30-50-530.**

~~§1.0—Transportation of recipients to and from providers of services covered by this plan is available in either of two categories: emergency and non-emergency. In either category, arrangements for transportation shall be made between recipients and the transportation providers for covered medical services.~~

~~§2.0—Eligible recipients will seek the most economical means of transportation to their medical appointments. These arrangements will be made with an enrolled transportation provider of the recipients' choice.~~

~~§3.0—Ambulances, wheelchair vans, and taxis must be licensed to provide services in the Commonwealth by the appropriate state and/or local licensing agency. Registered drivers must be licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the Commonwealth and must maintain automobile insurance.~~

~~§4.0—Payment for transportation may only be made when transportation is not otherwise available to recipients. The following modes of transportation shall be allowable for recipients: ambulance, wheelchair van, common user bus (intra-city and inter-city), registered driver, and commercial taxicabs. Air travel may be preauthorized only when known to be essential to a critical need of the recipient. In responding to recipients requests, the transportation mode will be provided which will assure that economical services which are adequate to meet recipients' medical need shall be furnished. Recipients' right to a free choice of providers shall be preserved in compliance with 42 CFR 431.51.~~

~~§5.0—Payment may be made to an individual, through the Registered Driver Program, who has been recruited by an eligible recipient, for non-emergency transportation, on the basis of a fee per loaded passenger mile with no coverage of waiting time.~~

DMAS will ensure necessary transportation for recipients to and from providers of covered medical services. DMAS shall cover transportation to covered medical services under the following circumstances:

- A. Emergency air and ground ambulance transportation shall be covered as a medical service under applicable federal Medicaid regulations.
- B. All other modes of transportation shall be covered as administrative expenses under 42 CFR §431.53 and any other applicable federal Medicaid regulations. These modes include, but shall not be limited to, non-emergency air travel, non-emergency ground ambulance, wheelchair vans, common user bus (intra-city and inter-city), volunteer/registered drivers, and taxicabs. DMAS may contract
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directly with providers of transportation and/or with brokers of transportation services. DMAS may require that brokers not have a financial interest in transportation providers with whom they contract.

C. Medicaid provided transportation shall only be available when recipients have no other means of transportation available.

D. Recipients shall be furnished transportation services which are the most economical to adequately meet the recipients' medical needs.

E. Ambulances, wheelchair vans, taxicabs, and other modes of transportation must be licensed to provide services in the Commonwealth by the appropriate state and/or local licensing agency. Volunteer/registered drivers must be licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the Commonwealth and must maintain automobile insurance.

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NARRATIVE FOR THE AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

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- 20b. Services for any other medical conditions that may complicate pregnancy.
- A. The same limitations on all covered services apply to this group as to all other recipient groups.
21. Any other medical care and any other type of remedial care recognized under State law, specified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. (12 VAC 30-50-300)
- 21a. Transportation.
- A. ~~Transportation services are provided to Virginia Medicaid recipients to ensure that they have necessary access to and from providers of all medical services. Both emergency and nonemergency services are covered. The Single State Agency may enter into contracts with friends of recipients, nonprofit private agencies, and public carriers to provide transportation to Medicaid recipients.~~ Emergency transportation services shall be provided to Virginia Medicaid recipients to ensure that they have necessary access to and from providers of all emergency medical services. Emergency transport services shall be covered; nonemergency transport services shall be covered as an administrative expense. The Single State Agency may enter into contracts with friends of recipient, nonprofit private agencies, and public carriers to provide transportation to Medicaid recipients.