

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

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a.1. Transportation

- No limitations
 With Limitations

Effective July 1, 2023 the State will provide secure behavioral health transports for members alleged to be in a behavioral health crisis requiring transportation to a treatment facility for the purpose of examination, emergency detention, protective custody, or inpatient services. Service providers must be ODMHSAS-designated Qualified Transportation Service Providers (QTSPs) and meet the Uniform Transportation Standards for QTSPs, which include the following:

Requirements for QSTP Drivers:

- A. Must be at least 21 years of age;
- B. Must hold a valid driver's license issued by the State of Oklahoma;
- C. Must undergo a criminal background check and not have been convicted of or received a deferred or probated sentence related to any felony crime, a crime involving moral turpitude or a crime of domestic violence; and not have any criminal charges pending in any court in this state, another state, in tribal court or pursuant to the United States Code;
- D. Must be able to ensure persons transported are protected from harm and injuries due to abuse, self-abuse, neglect, sexual incidents, serious injuries and other sources of immediate danger;
- E. Must be able to provide emergency care or have an established plan to access emergency care;
- F. Must be trained in effective communication skills with persons with mental illness, consumer rights, CPR/First Aid, and confidentiality as prescribed by ODMHSAS;
- G. Must be able to recognize and plan for problematic behaviors in a therapeutic and safe manner;
- H. Must be familiar with the statutes and standards related to transporting consumers; and
- I. Unless otherwise certified as a peace officer in Oklahoma, must complete a 16-hour Therapeutic Options Course approved by ODMHSAS.

Requirements for QTSP Vehicles:

- A. Must well maintained and in good mechanical condition;
- B. Must have the following equipment operational:
 - i. Air conditioner;
 - ii. Heater; and
 - iii. Chemical-type fire extinguisher, of at least a one-quart capacity, located in the same compartment of the vehicle as the driver.
- C. Must have a safety partition between the driver's area and the passenger area;
- D. Must have safety locks to prevent a consumer from exiting a car that is in motion;
- E. Must equip car or driver with a two-way radio or cellular telephone that is operational during the entire period of transport; and
- F. If transporting individuals in wheelchairs, must be equipped with:
 - i. An electrical or hydraulically-operated lift mechanism or a ramp with a non-skid surface;
 - ii. A means of securing a wheelchair to the inside of the vehicle to prevent any lateral, forward, backward, or vertical motion of the wheelchair within the vehicle;
 - iii. A rear-view mirror that enables the driver to view any passenger in a wheelchair; and
 - iv. A door at the rear of the vehicle for an emergency exit.

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a 2. Brokered Transportation

Provided under section 1902(a)(70)

The State assures it has established a non-emergency medical transportation program in order to more cost-effectively provide transportation, and can document, upon request from CMS, that the transportation broker was procured in compliance with the requirements of 45 CFR 92.36 (b)-(f). The broker is not a governmental entity and does not itself provide transportation or refer or subcontract with a transportation broker with whom it has a financial relationship.

(1) The State will operate the broker program without the requirements of the following paragraphs of section 1902(a);

(1) statewide (indicate areas of State that are covered)

(10)(B) comparability (indicate participating beneficiary groups)

(23) freedom of choice (indicate mandatory population group)

(2) Transportation services provided will include:

wheelchair van

taxi

stretcher car

bus passes

tickets

secured transportation

such other transportation as the Secretary determines appropriate (please describe) –

Private automobile drivers

(3) The State assures that transportation services will be provided under a contract with a broker who:

i. Is selected through a competitive bidding process based on the State's evaluation of the broker's experience, performance, references, resources, qualifications, and costs;

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**METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES
OTHER TYPES OF CARE**

Transportation (*continued*)**D. Access Payment Program Fee for Emergency Ambulance Service Providers** (*continued*)**2. Ambulance Service Provider Access Payment** (*continued*)

The access payment is comprehensive and does not exceed 100% of the difference between Medicaid payments otherwise made to eligible providers for the provision of medical transportation services and the average amount that would have been paid at the equivalent ACR.

The ambulance service provider medical transportation access payments are to supplement, not supplant, appropriations to support ambulance service provider reimbursement. Payments may not be used to offset any other payment by Medicaid for services to Medicaid beneficiaries.

E. Secure Behavioral Health Transports

Providers of secure behavioral health transports will be paid on a fee-for-service basis through encounter payments and a combination of encounter payments and a set rate per mile as follows:

1. Transports 30 miles and under will be reimbursed \$160.00 per encounter, equal to 68.83% of the CY 2021 rate for A0429.
2. Transports over 30 miles will be reimbursed \$160.00 per encounter, equal to 68.83% of the CY 2021 rate for A0429, and \$2.85 per mile, equal to 38.10% of the CY 2021 rate for A0425.

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