

State/Territory: OKLAHOMA

METHODS OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION

The State Plan assures that necessary transportation is available to individuals eligible for Title XIX benefits who are in need of medical services

1. Categorically Needy

Payment for Transportation

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The agency is responsible for assuring that necessary transportation is available to members eligible for Title XIX benefits who are in need of medical services in accordance with 42 CFR 431.53. The agency contracts with a broker to provide statewide curb to curb coverage for non-emergency transportation. The broker provides the most appropriate and least costly mode of transportation necessary to meet the individual needs of Title XIX members. Attendant services, to include transportation and transportation related expenses, are available upon request by the member to the broker at no charge to the member. Payment for covered services to the broker is reimbursed under a capitated methodology. The agency contracts with ambulance and air providers for all other transportation needs for eligible members not provided by the non-emergency transportation contract. Ambulance and air providers are reimbursed a rate published statewide based on the Medicare-established rates for covered services. Transportation must be for a medically necessary treatment in accordance with 42 CFR 440.170.

2. Authorization for Transportation by Bus or Private Automobile

Transportation by bus or private automobile is administered through the broker when it is necessary for an eligible individual to receive medical services. Eligible members traveling by bus will be issued bus passes distributed by the broker and eligible members traveling by private automobile will be reimbursed for mileage by the broker.

3. Authorization for Out-of-State Transportation

Reimbursement for out-of-state transportation that is medically necessary is authorized through the agency when transportation exceeds 100 miles from the Oklahoma border. The broker will contact the agency for authorization when a request is received from a member for transportation that will exceed 100 miles from the Oklahoma border.

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(3. Continued) Authorization for Out-of-State Transportation

The agency will verify the member's examination or treatment appointment and that comparable service is not available to the member at a closer distance. The agency will contact the broker with a decision of approval or denial of the request. Upon the approval of the request, the broker will proceed with arrangement for the transportation. Upon denial of the request (if comparable services are available at a closer distance) the broker will advise the member to contact the agency for location(s) of closer providers for comparable services.

4. Authorization for Transportation by Taxi

Taxi services may be authorized through the broker as a subcontracted provider of the broker.

5. Authorization for Transportation by Ambulance

Transportation by ambulance is compensable for members eligible for Title XIX benefits when other available transportation does not meet the medical needs of the member. Payment is made for ambulance transportation to and/or from a medical facility (a physician's office or clinic is not considered a medical facility) for medical care compensable under Medicaid.

6. Authorization for Transportation by Air
(Ground, Air Ambulance or Helicopter)

Transportation by air may be made when the member's medical condition is such that transportation out-of-state by an air service provider is required. Approval for airfare must be prior authorized by the agency and flight arrangements will be made by the agency.

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