

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Methods of Providing Transportation

New Mexico Medicaid assures that necessary transportation of recipients to and from Medicaid providers of Medicaid covered services will be provided. The following reimbursement methods and limitations will be used for transportation and transportation related services:

1. Reimbursement of emergency ambulance transportation for recipients with an emergency is provided.
2. Non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) is provided as an optional medical service in accordance with 42 CFR 440.170(a)(4).

Reimbursement for NEMT is made:

- a. By reimbursing providers of transportation by ambulance if other types of transportation are contraindicated.
 - b. By reimbursing Medicaid enrolled specialized types of transportation providers regulated by New Mexico motor carrier regulations.
 - c. By reimbursing providers of common carrier.
 - d. By providing petty cash to recipients in compensation for cost of travel by private automobile.
3. The New Mexico transportation regulatory authority is responsible for licensing and registering NEMT providers and for ensuring minimum requirements for NEMT providers and individual drivers are satisfied including:
 - a. Each provider and individual driver is not excluded from participation in any federal health care program (as defined in section 1128B(f) of the Act) and is not listed on the exclusion list of the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services;
 - b. Each such individual driver has a valid driver's license;
 - c. Each such provider has in place a process to address any violation of a state drug law; and
 - d. Each such provider has in place a process to disclose to the state Medicaid program the driving history, including any traffic violations, of each such individual driver employed by such provider, including any traffic violations.
 4. Reimbursement is provided when transportation required by recipients to obtain needed medical care cannot be secured without charge through free alternatives such as family, friends, volunteer services, free public transit, nursing facilities or residential centers and is the least costly mode of transportation appropriate to the needs of the recipient.
 5. Out of state transportation requires prior authorization.

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