

SDMI Waiver Non-Medical transportation, Medical Transportation vs. Medical Escort

Waiver Member requires assistance with non-medical transportation

What:
for access to waiver and other community services, activities, and resources as defined in the PCRP

When:
a. a member has no driver's license
b. does not have a working vehicle in the household
c. is unable to travel or wait for services alone
d. has a physical, cognitive, mental or developmental limitation

How:
May be provided only after volunteer services, state plan, and publicly funded transportation have been exhausted or deemed inappropriate

Waiver member requires medical transportation but has no need for medical or functional assistance

What:
medical transportation without a medical or functional assistance need is **not allowable under SDMI**

When:
State Plan Medicaid Transportation always covers mileage and per diem when appropriate.

How:
If a member requires medical transportation and it cannot be covered by State Plan Medicaid transportation they can utilize informal supports, public transportation and/or community resources

Waiver Member requires medical escort with medical transportation due to a medical and/or functional need

What:
for a member who demonstrates a medical or functional need for assistance from an attendant to and from and/or at the appointment

When:
State Plan Medicaid transportation always covers mileage and per diem when appropriate.

How:
If unavailable to be billed to State Plan Medicaid transportation due to being under \$5/month (15 mile round-trip), can be authorized and billed to the SDMI program on a case by case basis (with SDMI program staff approval) if the member has BIA authorized