

**CHAPTER 50**

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICES MANUAL**

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1972 Revisions: Amendments became effective May 10, 1972 as R.1972 d.91. See: 4 N.J.R. 127(b).

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1974 Revisions: Amendments became effective March 15, 1974 as R.1974 d.52. See: 6 N.J.R. 12(a), 6 N.J.R. 150(a). Further amendments became effective July 1, 1974 as R.1974 d.113. See: 6 N.J.R. 142(a), 6 N.J.R. 245(d).

1977 Revisions: Revisions to Subchapter 1 became effective October 3, 1977 as R.1977 d.374. See: 9 N.J.R. 83(b), 9 N.J.R. 533(b). Subchapter 2, Billing Procedures, was repealed and replaced by new rules by R.1977, d.375. See: 9 N.J.R. 333(b), 9 N.J.R. 534(a).

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1980 Revisions: Amendments became effective March 1, 1980 as R.1980 d.93. See: 12 N.J.R. 21(a), 12 N.J.R. 193(a).

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1983 Revisions: This chapter was readopted with amendments pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978) effective August 22, 1983 as R.1983 d.375. See: 15 N.J.R. 999(a), 15 N.J.R. 1582(b).

1985 Revisions: Amendments became effective August 19, 1985 as R.1985 d.427. See: 17 N.J.R. 1373(a), 17 N.J.R. 2044(a). Further amendments became effective September 16, 1985 as R.1985 d.473. See: 17 N.J.R. 1637(a), 17 N.J.R. 2271(a).

1986 Revisions: Amendments to this chapter caused a readoption of the chapter pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978) and became effective March 3, 1986 as R.1986 d.52. See: 17 N.J.R. 1519(b), 18 N.J.R. 478(a). Further amendments became effective June 16, 1986 (operative July 1, 1986) as R.1986 d.236. See: 18 N.J.R. 803(a), 18 N.J.R. 1287(a).

1987 Revisions: Amendments became effective October 5, 1987 as R.1987 d.408. See: 19 N.J.R. 1155(a), 19 N.J.R. 1800(a).

1988 Revisions: This chapter was substantially amended effective June 6, 1988 as R.1988 d.262. See: 19 N.J.R. 2103(a), 20 N.J.R. 1214(a).

1991 Revisions: Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 50, Transportation Services Manual, was readopted with amendments by R.1991 d.167, effective February 27, 1991. See: 23 N.J.R. 5(a), 23 N.J.R. 1006(a).

1992 Revisions: Subchapter 2, Billing Procedures, was repealed, Subchapter 3, HCFA Common Procedure Codify System (HCPCS), was recodified as Subchapter 2, substantive amendments were made to Subchapter 1, General Provisions, and Appendices I and II were repealed and replaced by Appendix I, the Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement, by R.1992 d.83, effective February 18, 1992. See: 23 N.J.R. 3619(a), 24 N.J.R. 610(a).

1995 Revisions: Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 50 was readopted as R.1995 d.650, effective November 17, 1995. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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**SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**10:50-1.1 Scope**

This chapter describes the policies and procedures of the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare programs for reimbursement of approved providers of transportation services. Questions about this chapter may be directed to any Medicaid District Office (MDO) listed in N.J.A.C. 10:49 Appendix or to the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, PO Box 712, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0712.

Amended by R.1974 d.52, effective March 15, 1974.  
See: 6 N.J.R. 12(a), 6 N.J.R. 150(a).

Amended by R.1974 d.113, effective July 1, 1974.  
See: 6 N.J.R. 142(a), 6 N.J.R. 245(d).

Amended by R.1988 d.262, effective June 6, 1988.  
See: 19 N.J.R. 2103(a), 20 N.J.R. 1214(a).

Changed address from "P.O. Box 2486" to "CN 712".  
Amended by R.1990 d.592, effective December 3, 1990.  
See: 22 N.J.R. 1513(a), 22 N.J.R. 3620(c).

Revised citation to MDO list to Appendix A in N.J.A.C. 10:49-1.  
Amended by R.1992 d.83, effective February 18, 1992.  
See: 23 N.J.R. 3619(a), 24 N.J.R. 610(a).

Corrected address information.  
Amended by R.1992 d.447, effective November 16, 1992.  
See: 24 N.J.R. 2517(a), 24 N.J.R. 4264(a).

Revised text to "chapter" from "manual".  
Amended by R.1999 d.5, effective January 4, 1999.  
See: 30 N.J.R. 3625(a), 31 N.J.R. 58(a).  
Inserted a reference to the NJ KidCare program.

### 10:50-1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Air ambulance service" means the provision of emergency or non-emergency medical transportation in an aircraft (fixed wings) certified by and operated in accord with Federal Aviation Administration requirements.

"Emergency condition" means an illness or injury of such magnitude and gravity as to constitute an imminent threat to life or limb or where there may be intractable pain.

"Ground ambulance service" means the provision of emergency or non-emergency medical transportation in a vehicle that is licensed, equipped, and staffed in accord with New Jersey State Department of Health rules, as specified in N.J.A.C. 8:40.

"Loaded mile" means mileage accrued when a vehicle is actually carrying a Medicaid or NJ KidCare fee-for-service beneficiary.

"Mobility assistance vehicle service" means the provision of non-emergency health care transportation in a vehicle that is licensed, equipped, and staffed in accord with New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services rules, as specified in N.J.A.C. 8:40, by certified trained personnel, for sick, infirm or otherwise disabled individuals who are under the care and supervision of a physician and whose medical condition is not of sufficient magnitude or gravity to require transportation by ambulance, but whose medical condition requires transportation from place to place for medical care, and whose use of an alternate form of transportation, such as taxicab, bus, other public conveyance or private vehicle might create a serious risk to life and health.

"Multiple loading" means that more than one Medicaid or NJ KidCare fee-for-service beneficiary is being transported in the same vehicle at the same time.

"Provider" means air ambulance (fixed wings) service, ground ambulance service, and mobility assistance vehicle service.

"Transportation" means the use of an approved vehicle to move a Medicaid or NJ KidCare fee-for-service beneficiary from place to place for the purpose of obtaining a Medicaid-covered or NJ KidCare-covered service.

"Transportation reimbursement allowance" means that claims are paid on a fee-for-service basis, as indicated in N.J.A.C. 10:50-2, HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).

"Waiting time" means that period of actual time, in increments of 15 minutes, beginning 30 minutes following delivery of the beneficiary to his or her destination, for ground ambulance and mobility assistance vehicle service.

Amended by R.1974 d.52, effective March 15, 1974.  
See: 6 N.J.R. 12(a), 6 N.J.R. 150(a).  
Amended by R.1978 d.297, effective August 28, 1978.  
See: 10 N.J.R. 282(a), 10 N.J.R. 443(b).  
Amended by R.1980 d.93, effective March 1, 1980.  
See: 12 N.J.R. 21(a), 12 N.J.R. 193(e).  
Amended by R.1985 d.427, effective August 19, 1985.  
See: 17 N.J.R. 1373(a), 17 N.J.R. 2044(a).  
2ii(1)(H) deleted; iii added.  
Amended by R.1988 d.262, effective June 6, 1988.  
See: 19 N.J.R. 2103(a), 20 N.J.R. 1214(a).

Substantially amended.  
Amended by R.1990 d.592, effective December 3, 1990.  
See: 22 N.J.R. 1513(a), 22 N.J.R. 3620(c).  
Added definition for "patient."  
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See: 23 N.J.R. 3619(a), 24 N.J.R. 610(a).

Added new definitions for air and ground ambulance service. Deleted general ambulance service definitions, and those definitions for "passenger", "patient" and "physician". Added text to "provider" definition. Other stylistic revisions.  
Amended by R.1992 d.447, effective November 16, 1992.  
See: 24 N.J.R. 2517(a), 24 N.J.R. 4264(a).

Added definitions for: "Loaded mile," "Transportation reimbursement allowance" and "Waiting time."  
Amended by R.1994 d.402, effective August 1, 1994 (operative August 15, 1994).

See: 26 N.J.R. 1425(a), 26 N.J.R. 3211(b).  
Amended by R.1999 d.5, effective January 4, 1999.  
See: 30 N.J.R. 3625(a), 31 N.J.R. 58(a).

Substituted references to beneficiaries for references to recipients throughout; changed "Invalid coach service" definition to "Mobility assistance vehicle service", and added a second sentence; in "Loaded mile", "Multiple loading" and "Transportation", inserted references to NJ KidCare fee-for-service; in "Transportation", inserted a reference to NJ KidCare-covered service; and in "Waiting time", substituted a reference to mobility assistance vehicle service for a reference to invalid coach service.

Amended by R.1999 d.370, effective November 1, 1999.  
See: 31 N.J.R. 847(a), 31 N.J.R. 3325(a).

Rewrote "Mobility assistance vehicle service".  
Administrative change.  
See: 32 N.J.R. 708(a).

### 10:50-1.3 General policies for participation

(a) The approval process for becoming a transportation service provider is as follows:

1. Each transportation provider must be individually approved for each type of service provided. The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, Department of Human Services, in conjunction with the Fiscal Agent for the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ KidCare programs, must approve each provider before reimbursement can be made to that provider for a transportation service.