

CHAPTER 50
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES MANUAL

Authority

N.J.S.A. 30:4D-1 et seq., 30:4J-8 et seq., and 53:1-20.6 et seq.

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See: 37 N.J.R. 4850(a), 38 N.J.R. 2713(a).

Chapter Expiration Date

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1c, Chapter 50, Transportation Services Manual, expires on November 8, 2013. See: 43 N.J.R. 1395(a).

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 50, Transportation Services Manual, was adopted as R.1971 d.22, effective March 1, 1971. See: 3 N.J.R. 7(a), 3 N.J.R. 44(b).

Subchapter 2, Billing Procedures, was repealed and Subchapter 2, Billing Procedures, was adopted as new rules by R.1977 d.375, effective October 3, 1977. See: 9 N.J.R. 333(b), 9 N.J.R. 534(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 50, Transportation Services Manual, was readopted as R.1983 d.375, effective August 22, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 999(a), 15 N.J.R. 1582(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 50, Transportation Services Manual, was readopted as R.1986 d.52, effective March 3, 1986. See: 17 N.J.R. 1519(b), 18 N.J.R. 478(a).

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

Subchapter 2, Billing Procedures, was repealed, Subchapter 3, HCFA Common Procedure Codify System (HCPCS), was recodified as Subchapter 2, HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), and Appendices I and II were repealed and Appendix, Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement, was adopted as a new rule by R.1992 d.83, effective February 18, 1992. See: 23 N.J.R. 3619(a), 24 N.J.R. 610(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 50, Transportation Services Manual, was readopted as R.1995 d.650, effective November 17, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 3312(b), 27 N.J.R. 5045(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 50, Transportation Services Manual, was readopted as R.2000 d.491, effective November 14, 2000. See: 32 N.J.R. 2395(a), 32 N.J.R. 4464(a).

Chapter 50, Transportation Services Manual, was readopted as R.2006 d.213, effective May 12, 2006. As a part of R.2006 d.213, Subchapter 2, HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), was renamed Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), effective June 19, 2006. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1b, Chapter 50, Transportation Services Manual, was scheduled to expire on May 12, 2013. See: 43 N.J.R. 1203(a).

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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 FamilyCare programs for reimbursement of approved providers of transportation services. Questions about this chapter may be directed to any Medical Assistance Customer Center (MACC) 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.
Amended by R.2006 d.213, effective June 19, 2006.
See: 37 N.J.R. 4850(a), 38 N.J.R. 2713(a).

Substituted "FamilyCare" for "KidCare" and "Medical Assistance Customer Center (MACC)" for "Medicaid District Office (MDO)".

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 wing or rotary wing) certified by and operated in accord with Federal Aviation Administration requirements.

“Beneficiary” means any person meeting the definition of that term contained in N.J.A.C. 10:49-1.3.

“Division” means the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) in the New Jersey Department of Human Services.

“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 FamilyCare fee-for-service beneficiary.

“Lower mode service” means non-emergency transportation, reserved for sick, infirm or otherwise disabled persons who are under the care and supervision of a physician and whose medical condition requires transportation for medical care.

“Mobility assistance vehicle (MAV)” means a specialized transport vehicle that is validly licensed, equipped, staffed and operated in accordance with New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services rules regarding such vehicles at N.J.A.C. 8:40 and 8:41.

“Mobility assistance vehicle service” means the provision of non-emergency health care transportation in a vehicle that is licensed, equipped, staffed and operated 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.

“Modified livery transportation service” means livery service or MAV service provided by a Division-approved transportation provider to beneficiaries under 21 years of age who require supervision provided by a qualified provider-supplied attendant.

“Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC)” means the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

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

“Provider” means an air ambulance (fixed wing or rotary wing) service, ground ambulance service, mobility assistance vehicle service or livery service. Modified livery transportation services may be provided either by a mobility assistance vehicle service or by a livery service.

“Transportation” means the use of an approved vehicle to move a Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service beneficiary from place to place for the purpose of obtaining a Medicaid-covered or NJ FamilyCare-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, Healthcare 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.”

Amended by R.1992 d.83, effective February 18, 1992.

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).