

# **DDP 0208 DD Comprehensive Waiver Service Definitions**

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## **33. Transportation**

Service offered in order to enable individuals served on the waiver to gain access to waiver and other community services, activities and resources, specified by the plan of care. This service is offered in addition to medical transportation required under 42 CFR 431.53 and transportation services under the State plan, defined at 42 CFR 440.170(a) (if applicable), and shall not replace them. Transportation services under the waiver shall be offered in accordance with the plan of care. Whenever possible, family, neighbors, friends, or community agencies that can provide this service without charge will be utilized.

Legally responsible persons, relatives, legal guardians and other persons who are not employees of agencies with a DDP contract may be reimbursed for the provision of rides. In these cases, reimbursement will be less than or equal to the mileage rate set by the Department for a State employee operating a personal vehicle. The mileage rate is based on the operational expense of a motor vehicle and does not include reimbursement for work performed, or the driver's time. Reimbursement for rides provided by legally responsible persons or others must be related to the specific disability needs of a person, as outlined in the plan of care. Persons providing transportation must be licensed, insured and drive a registered vehicle, in accordance with the motor vehicle laws of the State of Montana. Reimbursable transportation expenses may also include assistance with reasonable (as determined by the department) costs related to one or more of the following areas: operator training and licensure, insurance, registration or other costs associated with a individual's dependence on the use of a personal vehicle owned by the person in accessing work or other community integration activities as outlined in the plan of care. Transportation as a self-directed services with employer authority (either common law or agency with choice): Mileage reimbursement at the lowest current state plan rate is available when the person is transported to

approved community functions, in accordance with the plan of care and the individual cost plan. Mileage reimbursement paid by the FMS is contingent upon the FMS receiving documentation that transportation was provided in accordance with Montana state requirements for operating a motor vehicle. Reimbursement is contingent upon vehicles being registered and insured, and the operator of the vehicle must have a valid driver's license. Mileage reimbursement does not pay for a person's time, rather, the mileage reimbursement partially offsets the cost of operating a motor vehicle.

Mileage reimbursement may also be available to the owner of the vehicle when friends and non-employees provide transportation services to the person for approved community functions, when all the requirements for operating a motor vehicle have been met, and the mileage reimbursement provision is approved in the plan of care. Mileage reimbursement is not available for medically necessary transportation reimbursable under the state plan.

Rates for services in residential settings and work/day settings in which paid, on-site primary care givers provide routine, non-medically necessary transportation (community outings, picnics, etc) may include cost of these integrated transportation services.

**Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**

The following are excluded:

- 1) Adaptations or improvements to the vehicle that are of general utility, and are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the individual;
- 2) Purchase or lease of a vehicle; and
- 3) Regularly scheduled upkeep and maintenance of a vehicle except upkeep and maintenance of any modifications.

Transportation services are not reimbursable in residential and work/day settings, if the transportation service is folded into the rates for these residential and/or work/day settings. Under no circumstances will medically necessary transportation (transportation to medical services reimbursed under the State Plan) be reimbursed under the waiver if the service is reimbursable under State Plan transportation.

**The waiver will not cover activities which are otherwise available under section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the IDEA (20 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.), or EPSDT.**