

State Nebraska

ASSURANCE OF TRANSPORTATION

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Nebraska Medicaid enrolls non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) service providers to provide appropriate medical transportation to Medicaid-eligible clients.

Nebraska Medicaid attests that all the minimum requirements outlined in 1902(a)(87) of the Act are met.

Non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) service providers may be an approved individual, exempt, or public service commission (PSC) provider. Individual providers, defined as a friend, non-legally responsible family member, or volunteer, are enrolled as individual Medicaid providers and receive direct vendor payment from the state. Any qualified and willing individual may enroll as a fee-for-service NEMT provider. Public Service Commission (PSC) providers require Nebraska Public Service Commission certification while exempt providers do not. Exempt and PSC providers are enrolled as Medicaid providers and receive direct vendor payment from the state.

Clients who receive NEMT through fee-for-service may contact the assigned transportation worker to make an appointment for pick-up. The assigned transportation worker then contacts the appropriate provider to complete the appointment process. Fee-for-service clients may request any enrolled provider unless the provider is not the least costly and most appropriate provider for their medical needs.

Medically necessary escort services are covered by Nebraska DHHS, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care and authorized by Central Office staff, unless appropriately covered in another service when the client is participating in the Personal Assistance Service program or the Aged and Disabled Waiver program.

In accordance with 42 CFR 440.170(a)(3)(ii - iii), Nebraska Medicaid covers medically necessary travel expenses for the client and the escort including transportation, meals, and lodging. If the escort is not a member of the recipient's family, a paid personal care assistant or facility staff, a salary is also provided.

The managed care plans are responsible for covering and arranging NEMT for their members enrolled in Medicaid.

Nebraska Medicaid covers medically necessary ambulance services that are provided during an emergency or while the client is receiving emergency medical care (see Item 24a of Attachment 3.1-A).

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