NEMT ​Covered Trips​

Learning Objective: Describe NEMT Covered Trips

Because NEMT rides are paid for through state and federal Medicaid funds, this form of transportation is only available for Medicaid related trips. ​

What qualifies as a Medicaid related trip?​

Trips to appointments and activities that are paid for by Medicaid.​

Let’s look at some examples of Medicaid associated trips. ​

Primary care doctor visits​

Specialist doctor visits​

Dental care visits​

Eye exams​

Lab work and testing​

Mental ​health care appointments​

Behavioral health appointments​

Individual and group counseling​

Substance abuse counseling and treatment services​

Physical therapy & rehabilitation appointments​

Occupational therapy appointments​

Speech therapy appointments​

Pick up medical equipment prescribed by a physician​

Pick up prescriptions at a pharmacy​

Pick up prescription glasses or contact lenses​

Kidney dialysis treatments​

Adult day health care services​

Adult day training​

Supported Employment​

Respite Care​

Community Access provided under a Medicaid 1915 (c) Waiver​

Activities related to goals and objectives on a Medicaid 1915 (c) Waiver Plan of Care ​

1915 (c) Medicaid Waiver Plan of Care​

The Plan of Care is an annual document created each year for 1915 (c) Waiver participants. The Plan of Care outlines long term goals and short-term objectives. ​

The Plan of Care is created in the Medicaid Waiver Management Application (MWMA) system and is approved by Medicaid for each plan year.

Goals and objectives outlined on the Plan of Care may be updated during a waiver client’s monthly meeting. ​

When scheduling NEMT rides related to a Medicaid Waiver participant’s goals and objectives, provide a copy of the Medicaid Plan of Care document to the Broker. ​

This will provide the documentation that the trip is part of a Medicaid service. ​

Service area​

Always try to go to the closet medical facility that can help the condition. ​

NEMT rides can be provided within the service area – the Medicaid beneficiary’s county and bordering counties. ​

For care outside the service area, a transportation referral form completed by a doctor will provide a service area exception.​

Learning Stop

True ​or ​False?​ The Service Area for NEMT rides includes the county where the participant lives and the adjacent counties. ​

The answer is true.

True ​or False?​ NEMT rides may only be approved for trips to a physician. ​

The answer is false.