

WAC 182-546-5550 Nonemergency transportation—Exclusions and limitations. (1) The following service categories listed in WAC 182-501-0060 are subject to the following exclusions and limitations:

(a) Adult day health (ADH) - Nonemergency transportation for ADH services is not provided through the brokers. ADH providers are responsible for arranging or providing transportation to ADH services.

(b) Ambulance - Nonemergency ambulance transportation is not provided through the brokers except as specified in WAC 182-546-5200 (2) (e).

(c) Emergency department (ED) - When a client is discharged from the ED, brokers may provide transportation to another medicaid-covered service or to the client's residence only.

(d) Hospice services - Nonemergency transportation is not provided through the brokers when the health care service is related to a client's hospice diagnosis. See WAC 182-551-1210.

(e) Medical equipment, durable (DME) - Nonemergency transportation is not provided through the brokers for DME services, except for complex rehabilitation technology (CRT) and DME equipment that needs to be fitted to the client.

(f) Medical nutrition services - Nonemergency transportation is not provided through the brokers to pick up medical nutrition products.

(g) Medical supplies/equipment, nondurable (MSE) - Nonemergency transportation is not provided through the brokers for MSE services.

(h) Mental health services:

(i) Nonemergency transportation brokers generally provide one round trip per day to or from a mental health service. The broker must request agency approval for additional trips for off-site activities.

(ii) Nonemergency transportation of an involuntarily detained person under the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) is not a service provided or authorized by transportation brokers. Involuntary transportation is a service provided by an ambulance or a designated ITA transportation provider. See WAC 182-546-4000.

(i) Chemical dependency services - Nonemergency transportation is not provided through the brokers to or from the following:

(i) Residential treatment, intensive inpatient, or long-term treatment at certified facilities which are institutes for mental diseases (IMDs), as defined in WAC 182-500-0050;

(ii) Recovery house; and

(iii) Information and assistance services which include:

(A) Alcohol and drug information school;

(B) Information and crisis services; and

(C) Emergency service patrol.

(2) Transportation may be provided to facilities identified by the agency as non-IMDs, and therefore eligible to receive medicaid funds (refer to the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) program number 93.778).

(3) The state-funded medical care services (MCS) program has a limitation on trips. Nonemergency transportation for mental health services and substance abuse services is not provided through the brokers. The medicaid agency does pay for nonemergency transportation to and from medical services listed in WAC 182-501-0060, excluding mental health services and substance abuse services, and subject to any other limitations in this chapter or other program rules.

(4) The following programs do not have a benefit for brokered nonemergency transportation through the agency:

(a) Federal medicare savings and state-funded medicare buy-in programs (see chapter 182-517 WAC);

(b) Family planning services - Nonemergency transportation is not provided for clients that are enrolled only in TAKE CHARGE or family planning only services; and

(c) Alien emergency medical (AEM) - See WAC 182-507-0115.

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