

Medicaid and Special Education Transportation Services



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Overview

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- Covered Services
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Medicaid and FAMIS

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the Medicaid State Plan Amendment, including non-emergency specially adapted school vehicle.
- Dates of service occurring July 1, 2006 and after for Medicaid enrolled children in special education.

Medicaid and FAMIS cont.

- FAMIS SPA approved May 6, 2009
 - Allows for additional school services to be reimbursed for FAMIS enrolled children, including Transportation
- Transportation services effective 7/1/07!

FAMIS Transportation Claims

- For dates of service within two year period, over one year old and not submitted previously for FAMIS students (with proper documentation)
- Submit CMS-1500 claim form to:
 - Department of Medical Assistance Services
 - Manager, Payment Processing Unit
 - Division of Program Operations
 - 600 East Broad Street, Suite 1300
 - Richmond, Virginia 23219

FAMIS Transportation Claims cont.

- If submitted transportation claims for FAMIS students and received denial reason 0037
 - “Service not approved for FAMIS”
- DMAS has automatically reprocessed claims
 - Show on 5/29/09 remittance advice
- DMAS will amend the cost report accordingly

Covered Services

- Non-emergency transportation provided by school division
- For children in special education on days when the child receives a DMAS covered service
 - Transportation must be in child's IEP
 - Covered service must be in child's IEP
 - Covered service does not have to be billed
 - Does not include field trips

Covered Services cont.

- Meets the needs of the child when the child is unable to ride a “regular” school bus or school division car.
- Coverage only for specially adapted school bus.
- “Regular” school bus or school division car is not covered.

Covered Services cont.

- Further clarification re: Specially adapted school bus:
 - Does not include cars, vans, 4-wheel drive vehicles, etc.
 - Each modification has to be specific to that special education student
 - Modification may include, but not limited to, equipping bus with a ramp, lift, seat belts or car seats where a child in special education requires the adaptation or modification.

Covered Services cont.

- Transportation is to enable the child to receive the billable services:
 - Physical therapy
 - Occupational therapy
 - Speech language pathology
 - Audiology
 - Skilled Nursing
 - Psychiatric/Psychological
 - Personal Care
 - Medical Evaluations

Covered Services cont.

- Special education transportation costs do not include costs for the personal care assistant services on a bus.
- The aide on the bus may be billed under personal care assistant services for that child.
- Special education transportation may be billed in combination with the personal care assistant services.

Covered Services cont.

- The school division personnel or contractor must perform the following functions as part of the Medicaid requirement:
 - Determine the appropriate mode of transport and delivery (e.g. curb-to-curb or door-to-door delivery).
 - Assure compliance with driver and vehicle requirements.

Covered Services cont.

- Develop and implement a bus log for Medicaid/FAMIS transportation (sample Bus Log may be found on the Department of Education website).
- Provide administrative oversight of operations.
- Protect recipient confidentiality.
- Maintain adequate staff and facilities.

Provider Requirements

- Drivers and vehicles must be employed through the school or have a contract with the school; and
- Meet applicable federal and state statutes and regulations for transporting students.

Documentation Requirements

- Transportation must be in the child's IEP;
- Each trip must be documented on a bus log
 - Must include all information as on Transportation Log (MED-20) if developing your own log;
- Each trip must be documented by school personnel;

Documentation Requirements cont.

- Documentation must include:
 - Student's name,
 - Medicaid/FAMIS ID#,
 - Date of service,
 - Type of encounter: To/From

Documentation Requirements cont.

- Staff documenting trip must observe student's arrival or departure on the bus;
 - Recommend daily documentation of trips
- Documentation of the DMAS billable direct service that the student receives on the day the transportation is being billed.

Bus Log Review

Trip Log for Medicaid and FAMIS Transportation Reimbursement

School Division: _____

Bus Route Number: _____

Name of Driver or Bus Attendant: _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

Name of Medicaid Coordinator or Billing Staff: _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

Week Ending: _____

Type Of Medicaid Service (to be completed by Medicaid Billing Staff)			
PT	Physical Therapy	NS	Nursing Services
OT	Occupational Therapy	AS	Audiology Services
ST	Speech therapy	PA	Personal Assistant
PS	Psychological Services		

Driver should complete the number and dates of trips and sign the logs.

Medicaid Coordinators should indicate the reason for trip from medical service list above for any student with transportation in their IEP.

Medicaid or FAMIS covered services should be submitted as claims.

Trip Log should include all students riding the bus, not only Medicaid and FAMIS students.

Student	<i>(Billing Staff Only)</i>		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Sat/Sun.		TOTAL TRIPS FOR WEEK	TOTAL M.F.W.E.T RIPS FOR WEEK
	Student's Medicaid or FAMIS Number	Medicaid or FAMIS Eligible	Number of One Way Trips	Medical Services Received	Number of One Way Trips	Medical Services Received	Number of One Way Trips	Medical Services Received	Number of One Way Trips	Medical Services Received	Number of One Way Trips	Medical Services Received	Number of One Way Trips	Medical Services Received		
<i>Examples:</i>																
Tom Smith	XXX XXX XXX	Medicaid	2		2	PT	1	PT	2	PT	2	PT			9	7
John Dalev	XXX XXX XXY	FAMIS	2		2	NS	2	PT	2	NS	2	NS			10	8
Mary Johnson	XXX XXX XXZ	Medicaid	4	NS	2		4	ST	2		4	ST	1	ST	17	12
Frank Nobel	XXX XXX XXA	FAMIS	1		3	OT	2	NS	3	OT	2				11	8
Gabe Willowpeck	XXX XXX XXB	Med Expan	1	PT	2		1		2		1	PT			7	2
George Jones			2		2		2		1		2				9	0
Jim Clark			1		2		2		2		1				8	0
Ned Fremont			2		2		2		2		2				10	0
Robert Smith			1		1		1		1		1				5	0
George Janz			2		2		2		2		2				10	0
If this trip log is to be viewed for audit purpose, please make a copy of the log, black out all names of students without Parental Consent.																
Make a copy of that copy for the audit.																

Bus Log

- School Division
- Bus Route Number
- Name of Driver/Bus Attendant
- Name of Medicaid Coordinator or Billing Staff
- Week ending

Bus Log cont.

- Driver or other staff should complete the number and dates of trips and sign log
- Medicaid coordinator or billing staff should indicate reason for trip from medical services list on log (i.e., PT, OT, ST, PS, NS, AS, PA) for Medicaid and FAMIS students with transportation in IEP
- Total trips out for week and total billable trips for week
- Medicaid or FAMIS covered service should be submitted as claims.

Transportation Reimbursement as of 6/11/09

SFY08

- # of paid units: 16, 364
- Interim payment:
\$58,420
- Cost settlement:
\$195,000
- Preliminary total:
\$253,420

SFY09

- # of paid units: 20, 094
- Interim payments:
\$68,243
- Cost settlement:
not completed yet

Procedure Code, Unit and Rate

- Code: T2003
- Unit = per trip
 - home to school;
 - from school or home to school contracted DMAS provider;
 - return trips.

Procedure Code, Unit and Rate

- Schools receive federal match only
 - Medicaid/FMAP rate = 50%
 - Medicaid Expansion/FAMIS = 65%
- Schools responsible for general fund portion
 - Local / State dollars
- Interim Rate: \$7.00 per trip
 - Medicaid federal match = \$3.50
 - Medicaid Exp / FAMIS match = \$4.55

Special Education Transportation

- Limit of 2 units per day
- Need to exceed limits?
 - Attach documentation of need to exceed limit
 - Follow attachment requirements for claims

Transportation Cost Report

- Transportation services use a different cost report than direct medical services
- Transportation Cost Report and instructions are available on DOE website
- Same deadline for cost report submission (November 30)

Transportation Cost Report cont.

- School divisions are responsible for furnishing costs and reimbursable percentages
- Only information furnished to school divisions is a summary of interim payments for reconciliation

Transportation Cost Report cont.

- Reimbursable Percentages
 - Reimbursable percentages of special transportation costs are based on percentage of one way reimbursable trips to total trips on special education buses
- School divisions must complete a transportation log to be able to claim for transportation. Log must include one way trips for all students.
- Log is also used for interim billing.

Transportation Cost Report cont.

- Medicaid coordinator determines reimbursable trips from the log for Medicaid or FAMIS students who have transportation included in the IEP and who receive another Medicaid or FAMIS reimbursable service on the day of the trip
- Only costs for special transportation are included on cost report

Costs include:

- Capital
- Fuel
- Repair and Maintenance
- Insurance
- Rentals
- Contract Vehicle Use
- Annual salary and benefits
- SE Bus Drivers
- Mechanics
- Maintenance
- Substitutes



Transportation Cost Report cont.

- Any transportation costs (for example, mechanics) that are not specifically for special transportation must be allocated to special transportation using the percent of special transportation buses to total buses.

What's going on at federal level?

- President Bush signed a moratorium on implementing the school regulation eliminating reimbursement for transportation
- The moratorium includes eliminating school-based administrative and transportation services (2287), and, in part, targeted case management (CMS 2237).

What's going on at federal level?

- The office of the HHS Secretary announced that the following final CMS regulations are being **RESCINDED**.
- This new regulation will establish a public comment period of thirty days, which means the rescission of 2287 would occur before the June 30 deadline of the current moratorium.

School Division Experience

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Website with cost reports, instructions and other correspondences:

<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Instruction/Sped/medicaidmain.html>

Or just Google *VIRGINIA MEDICAID DOE*

Questions?

