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## Local Educational Agency (LEA) Service: Transportation (Medical)

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This section contains information about specialized medical transportation services rendered in connection with the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Medi-Cal Billing Option Program.

- Modifier descriptions are located in the *Modifiers: Approved List* section of this manual. Additional modifier information is in the *Local Educational Agency (LEA) Billing and Reimbursement Overview* section of this manual.
- Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP) are defined in the *Local Educational Agency (LEA): Individualized Plans* section of this manual.
- Documentation and records retention requirements are described in the *Local Educational Agency (LEA): A Provider's Guide* section of this manual.

### **Specialized Medical Transportation Services**

LEA specialized medical transportation must be provided in a specially adapted vehicle or vehicle that contains specialized equipment, including, but not limited to lifts, ramps or restraints to accommodate LEA-eligible beneficiary disabilities (*California Code of Regulations* [CCR], Title 22, Sections 51190.4.1, 51231.1, 51231.2, «51323», 51360, 51491) for students with transportation services authorized in an IEP or IFSP.

Examples of a specially adapted vehicle include, but are not limited to, a litter van (CCR, Title 22, Section 51231.1) and a wheelchair van (CCR, Title 22, Section 51231.2).

### **Covered Services**

Specialized medical transportation services include:

- Medical transportation (trip)
- Mileage (must be in conjunction with trip)

The reimbursement rate is per trip and a trip is considered one way. Providers bill one unit of service per one-way trip (2 units equals round trip).

**Note:** Both transportation (trip) and mileage are reimbursable for students with transportation authorized in a student's IEP or IFSP.

The following conditions must be met on the day of service for the transportation service to be reimbursed:

- The student must receive an LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program-covered medical service (other than transportation) at the service site,
- The covered medical service (other than transportation) must meet all requirements to be a billable LEA service; and
- Both the covered service and the transportation must be authorized in the student's IEP or IFSP.

In order to claim for mileage expenses, LEAs must document the student's origination point and destination point in a trip log. If an LEA cannot meet this requirement, LEAs may bill for per-trip transportation services without billing for associated mileage. If the LEA bills for per-trip transportation services, the services must be documented in a trip log.

## **Claim Completion**

Information about modifiers to ensure accurate processing of services rendered under an IEP or IFSP is located in the *Local Educational Agency (LEA) Billing and Reimbursement Overview* section of this manual.

## **Mileage Limitations**

Mileage reimbursement for students with an IEP or IFSP is covered for trips in a specially adapted vehicle or vehicle that contains specialized equipment, including, but not limited to lifts, ramps or restraints. The reimbursement rate is per mile. Mileage will be reimbursed only when billed in conjunction with medical transportation. Mileage is not permitted to be billed without also billing the associated per-trip transportation service (HCPCS code T2003).

Mileage associated with medical transportation that is authorized in a student's IEP or IFSP may be billed when the student is transported to and from the origination point to an LEA, and to and from the location where health services are rendered.

LEAs must be able to substantiate mileage billed with a transportation trip log that includes the trip, mileage, origination point and destination point for each student, student's full name and the date the transportation was provided. In cases where a direct route is taken, the odometer reading may be used to document the mileage billed. When a non-direct route is taken (for example, other students are being picked up or dropped off along the route), a mapping software should be used to document mileage billed between the student's origination and destination points, since the vehicle's odometer reading will include total mileage, not mileage associated with the student's individual trip.

## **Procedure Codes/Service Limitations Chart: Specialized Medical Transportation Services**

The following chart contains the HCPCS procedure codes with modifiers, if necessary, to bill for specialized medical transportation services. Service limitations also are included.

Reimbursement rates for these services are in the *Local Educational Agency (LEA) Billing Codes and Reimbursement Rates* section of this manual

### **Specialized Medical Transportation**

<b>Procedure Code/Modifier</b>	<b>LEA Program Usage</b>	<b>LEA Limitations (Per Student)</b>
T2003 TL (IFSP) or T2003 TM (IEP)	Specialized medical transportation, per one-way trip	No limitation
A0425 TL (IFSP) or A0425 TM (IEP)	Mileage, per mile	No limitation

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