

## CALIFORNIA'S TITLE XIX STATE PLAN FOR ASSURANCE OF TRANSPORTATION

Under California's Title XIX State Plan, transportation of eligible recipients to and from covered Medi-Cal services is assured.

California provides emergency, nonemergency medical transportation, and nonmedical transportation in accordance with 42 CFR 440.170 and includes other travel related expenses. Transportation services are covered as follows:

1. Emergency medical transportation services are covered to the nearest facility capable of meeting the medical needs of the beneficiary. Emergency medical transportation does not require prior authorization, but must be medically justified and documented.
2. Nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) services require a written prescription from a licensed provider and prior authorization. Transportation provided by ambulance, wheelchair van, or litter van is covered under 42 CFR 440.170 when the recipient's medical and physical condition is such that transport by ordinary means (public or private conveyance) is medically contraindicated and the transportation is required for the purpose of obtaining necessary health care covered by the Medi-Cal program.
3. Nonmedical Transportation (NMT) services require an appointment verification from a licensed Medi-Cal provider and prior approval. Transportation services include, at a minimum, roundtrip transportation for a beneficiary to obtain covered Medi-Cal benefits if the beneficiary attests that other currently available resources have been reasonably exhausted. Transportation can be provided by passenger car, taxicab, or any other form of public or private conveyance.

California also covers NMT services at the county level through CMAA and Tribal Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (TMAA) as optional programs for the county. Under CMAA/TMAA, local governmental agencies (LGA) that choose to provide NMT participate in CMAA/TMAA to perform administrative activities that directly support access to health care for beneficiaries. Beneficiaries may contact their LGA in participating counties to see if NMT is available to them through CMAA/TMAA program.

Medi-Cal managed care plans provide NMT to managed care members.