Fee-For-Service Enrollment for Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) & Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Providers

Provider Enrollment Division

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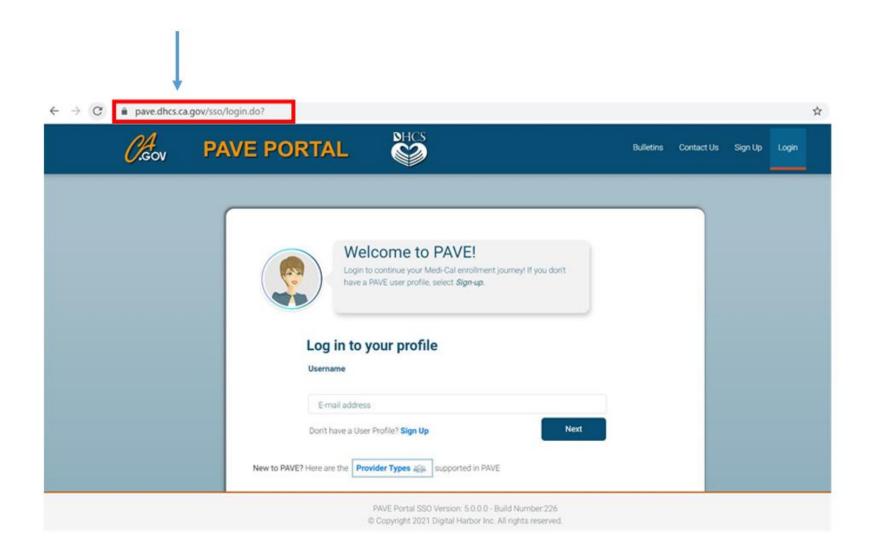
Topics Covered

- 1. Getting Set Up in the PAVE Enrollment System
 - PAVE User
 - PAVE Profile
- 2. PAVE Questionnaire to Start a NMT and/or NEMT Application
- 3. Some Medi-Cal Enrollment Requirements
 - Application Fee
 - Modes of Transportation
 - List of Required Documents to Attach
 - Medi-Cal Established Place of Business
 - Who is Authorized to Sign Medi-Cal Applications
- 4. DHCS Application Review
- Additional Resources

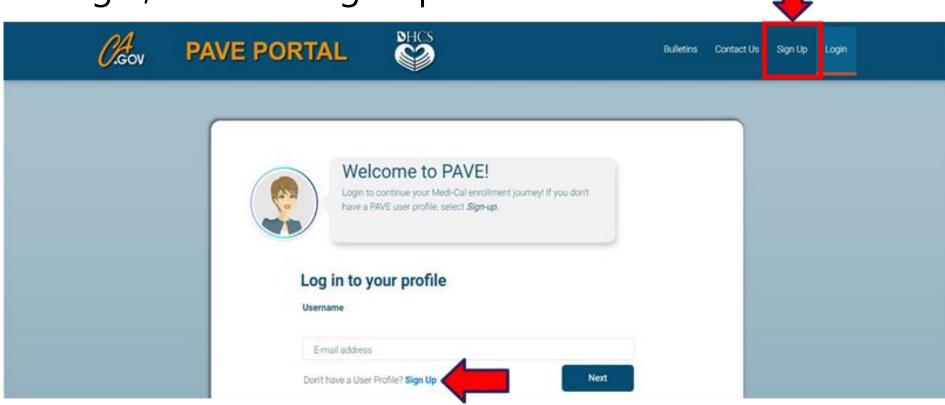
Getting Set Up in PAVE for First Time Users

» PAVE101 Training Slides https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/PAVE-101-Training-Slides.aspx

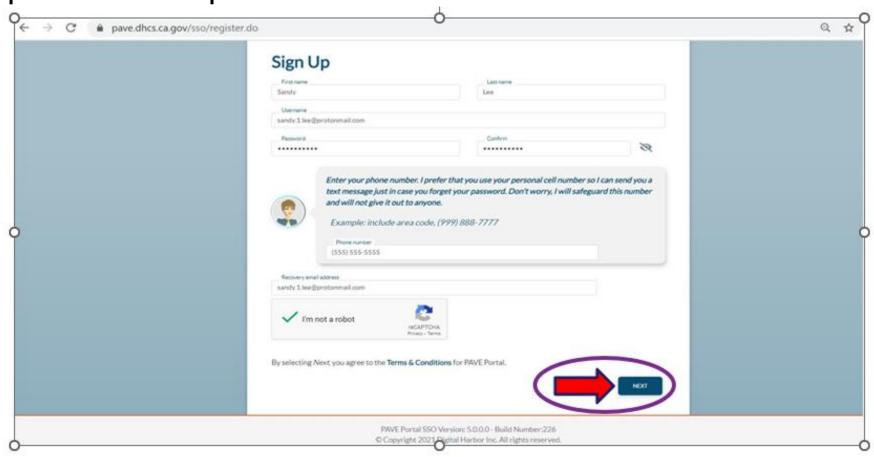
Access PAVE



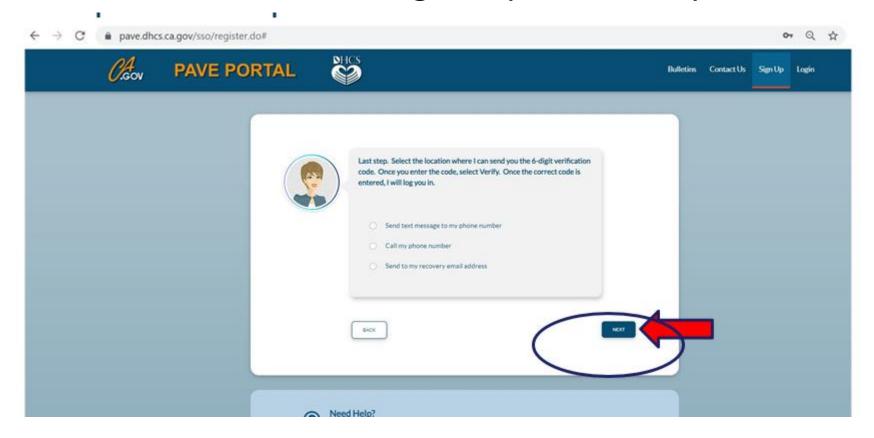
To begin, click on "Sign Up"



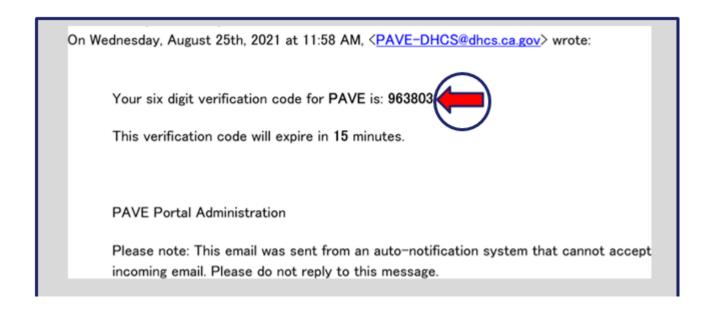
Complete the required information and click "NEXT"



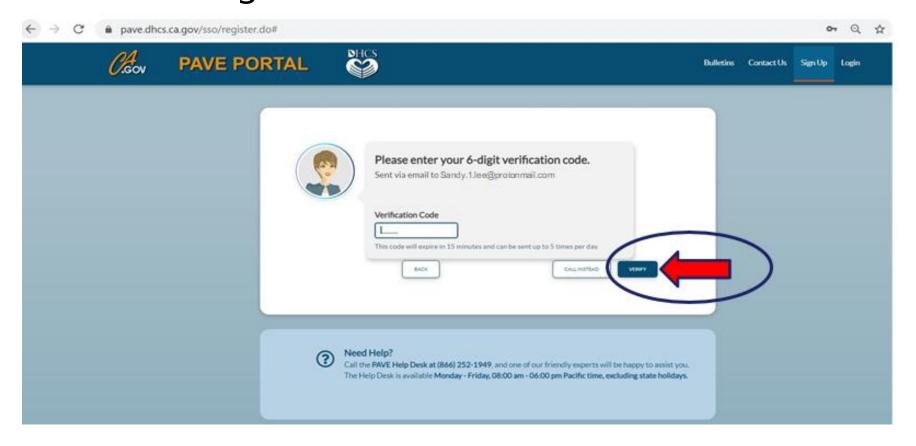
» You will be prompted to select how you wish to receive the six-digit verification code, after selecting the preferred option click "NEXT"



Each of the three options provides a verification code <u>valid for</u> only 15 minutes.



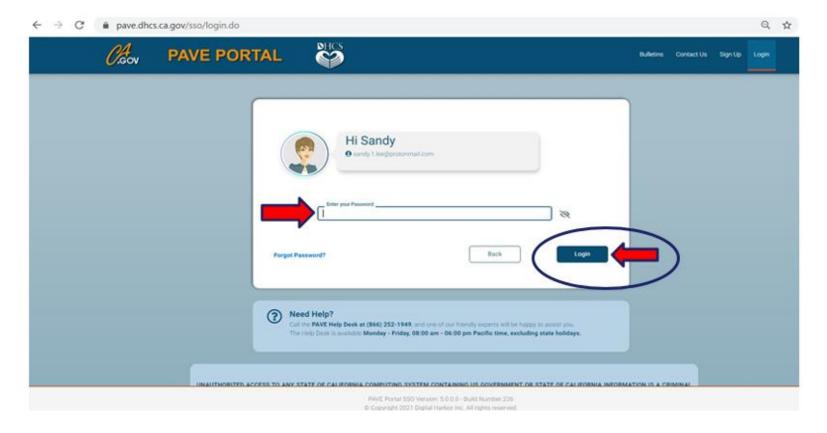
Enter the six-digit verification code and click "VERIFY"



» Once PAVE confirms successful verification, click "LOGIN".



» Now enter your email and your password and click "LOGIN"



PAVE Sign Up

» Now that you are set up as a PAVE user, you will need to create your PAVE profile which is a workspace where groups or individual providers create applications and manage accounts.

PAVE Profile Set Up

- » Make sure you are logged in with your user email and password.
- Enter the NPI of your company, and click "Verify"
- Once the NPI is verified, you will enter the PAVE Profile name that represents your company or companies and click "Create my PAVE Profile"

PAVE Profile



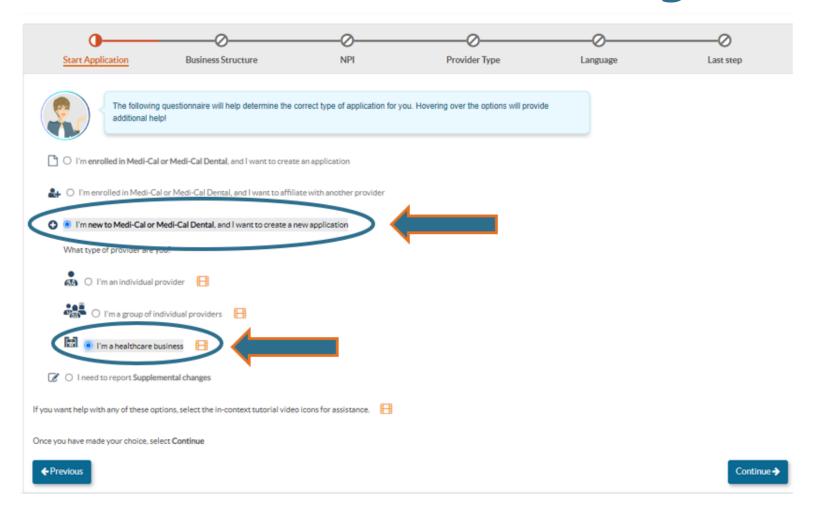
Starting a NMT and/or NEMT Application

» In your PAVE profile, click on Applications, then "+ New Application".

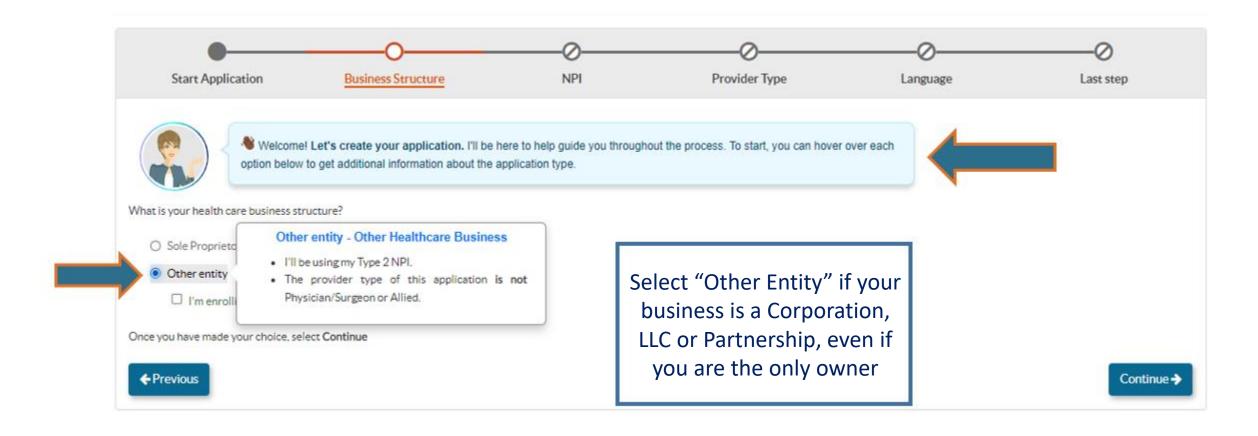
You will complete a questionnaire to start the correct application.

The following slides are a guide for how to move through the questionnaire to start a Medical Ground Transportation application.

First Questionnaire Page



Second Questionnaire Page Your Business Structure



Correct NPI Type depends on your Business Structure

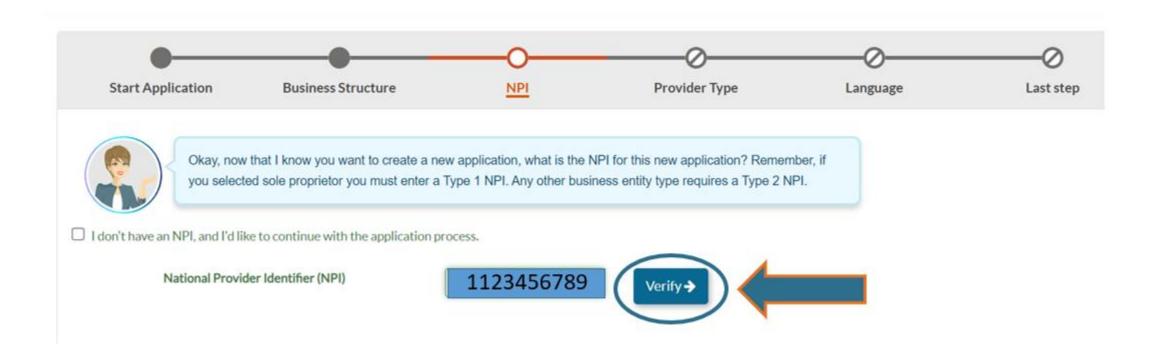
1. Type 2 NPI

• **Business entities** such as a corporations, LLCs, and Partnerships must use a Type 2 NPI, **even if** you are the only owner of the business.

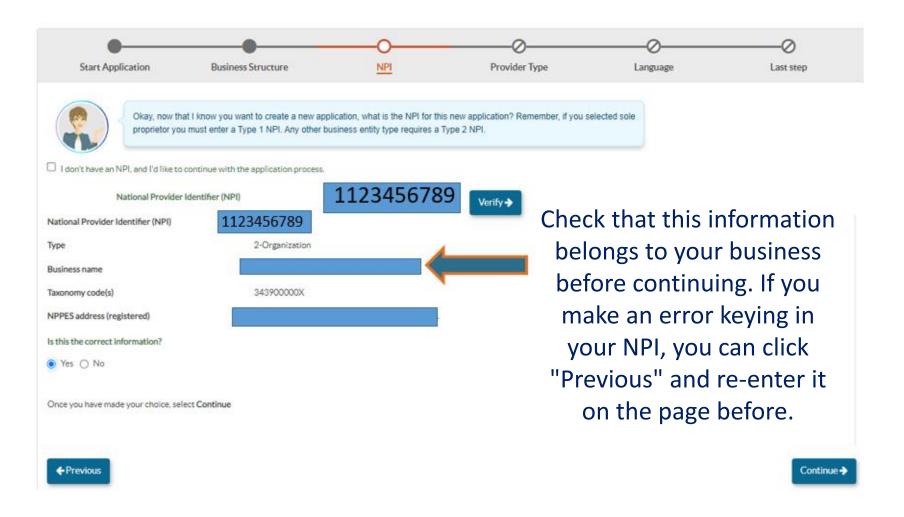
2. Type 1 NPI

• **Sole Proprietors** must use a Type 1 NPI. A sole proprietorship is a business owned and operated by one person and the business and the person are one and the same for income tax reporting.

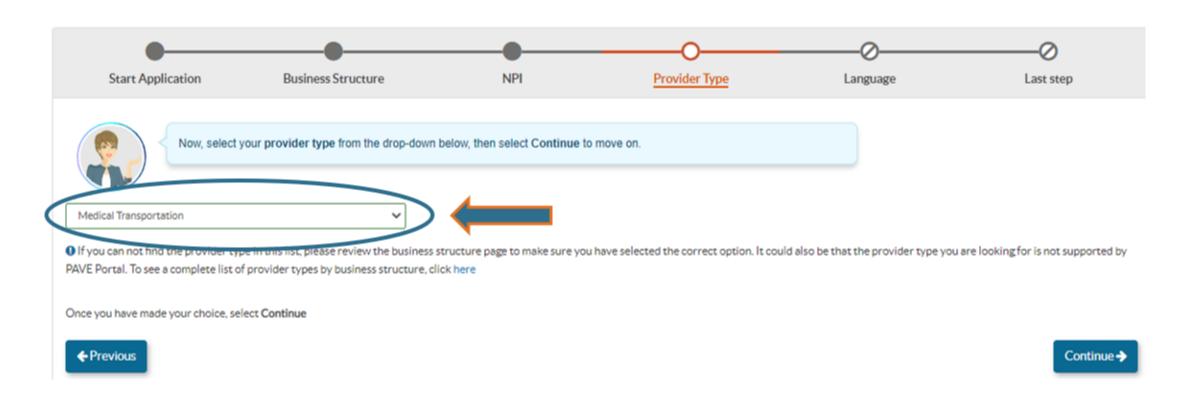
Third Questionnaire Page Enter Your NPI and click Verify



Fourth Questionnaire Page PAVE Verifies NPI with NPPES



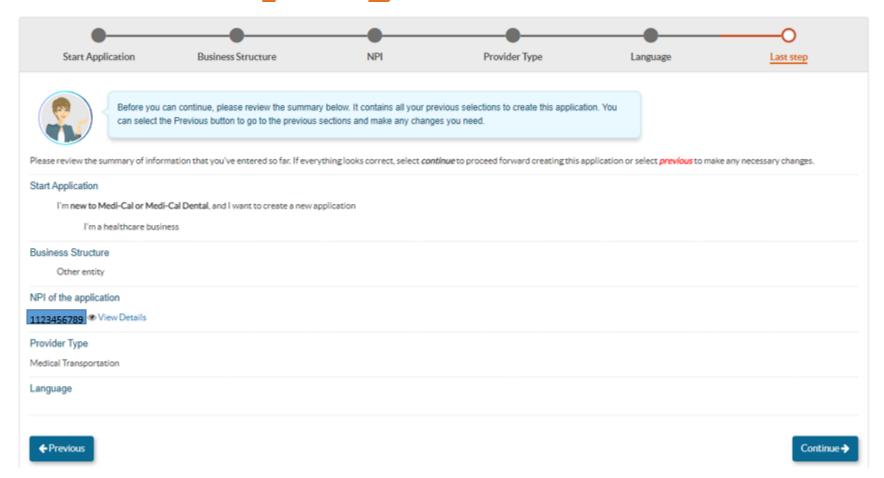
Fifth Questionnaire Page Select Provider Type – Medical Transportation



Sixth Questionnaire Page Languages Offered

O Do you offer services	other languages besides English?
Once you have made your choice, select Continu	
Select Languages	
	☐ All displayed Languages
	Spanish
	☐ Portuguese
	☐ Italian
	☐ French
	☐ Japanese
	☐ Cantonese
	☐ Mandarin
	□ Other Chinese
	☐ Korean
	German
	☐ Arabic
	Armenian
	Cambodian
	☐ Farsi
	☐ Hmong
	☐ Vietnamese
	Russian
	☐ Tagalog
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Seventh Questionnaire Page Summary Page – Double Check!



Medi-Cal Requirements

- The Medi-Cal Program requirements are woven into the application process.
- The next few slides show:
 - Application Fee
 - Modes of Transportation
 - List of Required Documents to Attach
 - Medi-Cal Established Place of Business
 - Who is Authorized to Sign Medi-Cal applications

Application Fee

- Each year the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services determines the new application fee amount.
- Application fee for 2023 calendar year is \$688.00. Current fee information can be found here, https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Application-Fees.aspx
- Payment is done electronically and is part of the PAVE Transportation application.
- Application fees are used to offset the cost of conducting the required screenings.
- The Department will deny applications where the applicant fails the application fee requirement.

Application Fee Exemptions

Transportation providers may be exempt from paying the application fee if they meet one of the exemptions below:

» Already enrolled in and/or paid the applicable fee to Medicare or another state's Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) at the service location. Verification is required.

Exempt by waiver pursuant to federal law. Verification is required.

Application Fee Waiver Requests

- To request a waiver, an applicant/provider must include with submission of the application a letter that describes:
 - 1) the hardship,
 - 2) the justification for an exception, and
 - 3) supporting documentation.
- » Acceptable justification documents may include:
 - Historical Costs Reports
 - Recent financial reports such as balance sheet and income statements
 - Cash flow statements
 - Most recent tax returns
 - Other profit and loss statements for the location the provider claims the hardship

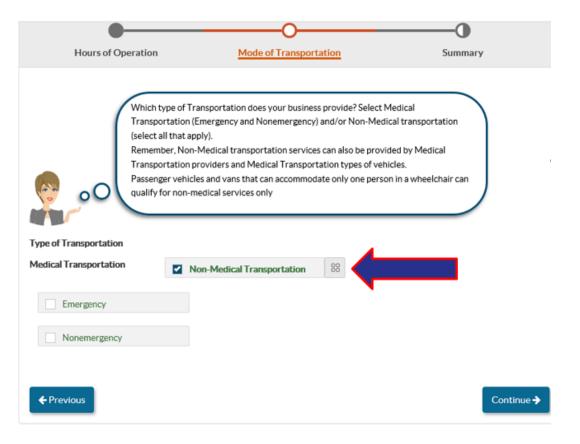
Application Fee Waiver Requests

» Waivers are not approved by PED. PED forwards the requests to the federal agency, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for approval

The applicant may submit both an application fee and a fee waiver request in order to allow their application to be processed without waiting for the CMS approval. If the waiver is granted, a refund will be issued.

Modes of Transportation - NMT

Non-Medical Transportation (NMT)



- » Non-Medical Transportation" can be provided by vehicles such as a passenger car, mini-van, taxicab, or any other form of public or private conveyance. For NMT, the eligible Medi-Cal member would not have a medical or physical condition that would require the specialized equipment and personnel of an emergency ambulance, a litter van or an NEMT qualified wheelchair van.
- » Wheelchair vans can qualify for NMT.

Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) Vehicle & Driver Document Requirements

Vehicle Document Requirements

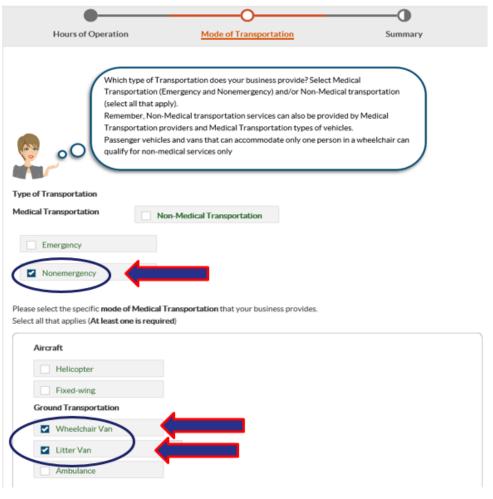
- » DMV Commercial Registration
- » Proof of Commercial Vehicle Insurance

Driver Document Requirements

- » State-Issued Driver's License
- » CA DMV Issued Driving History Printout
- » Medical Examination Report Form (MCSA 5875)
- » Medical Examiner's Certificate (MCSA 5876)

Modes of Transportation - NEMT

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)



- » Only Select "Nonemergency" (NEMT) + Wheelchair Van and/or Litter Van if it applies:
- » 1. Wheelchair vans these vehicles must meet specific regulatory requirements including the seating capacity for two persons seated in standard-sized wheelchairs inside the vehicle, an additional emergency exit other than the loading entrance which can accommodate a standard-sized wheelchair, and a lift or ramp with a load capacity of at least 450 pounds which can be secured to the vehicle.
- » 2. Litter vans these vehicles must meet specific regulatory requirements including the capacity to load and transport a patient comfortably lying on a standard-sized gurney. Litter vans require two loading entrances as well as a certified driver and attendant.

NEMT Vehicle/Operator Document Requirements

Vehicle Documents Required

- » DMV Commercial Registration
- » Proof of Commercial Vehicle Insurance
- » Brake and Lamp Certificate (required if the DMV Commercial Registration lists a salvaged title, otherwise this is optional)

Operator Documents Required

- » State-Issued Driver's License
- » CA DMV Issued Driving History Printout
- » First Aid and CPR Certificate
- » Alcohol Lab Test Results
- » Medical Examination Report Form (MCSA 5875)
- » Medical Examiner's Certificate (MCSA 5876)
- » Standard Pre-employment Drug Test

NEMT Specific Wheelchair Van Requirements

- » The disclosed wheelchair van(s) must have all of the following to qualify as an NEMT Vehicle:
 - Additional Emergency exit, other than loading entrance, that can accommodate a standard-sized wheelchair.
 - Seating capacity to accommodate at least two patients seated in standard-sized wheelchairs.
 - Fasteners to secure the wheelchair to the vehicle which must be of sufficient strength to prevent the chairs from rotating, to prevent the chair wheels from leaving the floor in case of sudden movement and to support the chairs and patients in the event the vehicle is overturned.
 - Lift or ramp with a load capacity of at least 450 pounds which can be secured to the vehicle. (cont'd)

NEMT Specific Wheelchair Van Requirements

- » The disclosed wheelchair van(s) must have all of the following to qualify as an NEMT Vehicle:
 - Seats covered with washable vinyl, or similar impermeable material which shall be in sanitary and functional condition.
 - Identification display of the name under which the wheelchair van is doing business or providing service, on both sides and rear of each wheelchair van in letters that contrast sharply with the background. Lettering for upper case letters shall be not less than four inches in height, or proportionate width, and of color readily visible during daylight. Lower case letters shall be no less than three-fourths of the upper case height. All wheelchair vans operated under a single license shall display the same identification.

NEMT Specific Litter Van Requirements

- » The disclosed litter van(s) must have all of the following to qualify as an NEMT Vehicle:
 - Loading entrance large enough to accommodate a patient comfortably lying on a standard-sized gurney.
 - Additional Emergency exit, other than loading entrance, that can accommodate a standard-sized gurney.
 - Fasteners to secure the gurney to the vehicle which must be of sufficient strength to prevent the gurney from rolling or sliding, to prevent the gurney from leaving the floor in case of sudden movement and to support the gurney and patient in the event the vehicle is overturned.
 - Seats covered with washable vinyl or similar impermeable material which shall be in sanitary and functional condition. (cont'd)

NEMT Specific Litter Van Requirements

- » The disclosed litter van(s) must have all of the following to qualify as an NEMT Vehicle:
 - Identification display of the name under which the litter van is doing business or providing service, on both sides and the rear of each litter van in letters that contrast sharply with the background. Lettering for upper case letters shall be not less than four inches in height, or proportionate width, and of a color readily visible during daylight. Lower case letters shall be no less than three-fourths of the upper case height. All litter vans operated under a single license shall display the same identification. A litter van shall not display identification as an ambulance.
 - One two-person gurney with mattress and upper and lower restraining straps.
 - Cot fastener, floor or wall type.
 - Litter vans shall be operated by a certified driver and an attendant and there shall be an Attendant seat in the patient compartment.

Other Required Documents For All Provider Types

- » Articles of Incorporation (only for corporations)
- State-Issued Identification or Driver's License
- » Verification of TIN/EIN with one of the accepted documents: IRS Form 8109-C, Form 941, Letter 147-C, or Form SS-4 (Confirmation Notification)
- » Business License/Tax Certificate (if required by local government)
- » Fictitious Business Name Statement (if business uses a fictitious name)
- » Lease Agreement (if leasing service location)
- » Workers' Compensation Insurance

Established Place of Business Requirements – NEMT <u>and</u> NMT

- » Is Open and Conducting Business at time of application submission
- » Is in a building either owned or leased by the applicant
- » Has all State and local business permits and licenses to conduct business
- » Obtains and maintains Worker's Compensation Insurance as required by state law

Who Can Sign Applications

- » CCR, Title 22, Section 51000.30(a)(2)(B)
 - Applications shall... "Be signed under penalty of perjury by an individual who is the sole proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or by an official representative of a governmental entity or non-profit organization, who has the authority to legally bind the applicant seeking enrollment, or the provider seeking continued enrollment, or the provider seeking enrollment at a new, additional, or change in location, as a Medi-Cal provider."
 - Signatures cannot be delegated to any other person.

More Online Resources

» Medi-Cal Enrollment requirements specific for Non-Medical Transportation Providers are also published on the DHCS website:

https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Non-Medical_Transportation_Providers.aspx

The Enrollment Process Initial Review

- » Complete your application in the PAVE portal.
- » Submit your application.
- » DHCS reviews applications in the order received.
- The legal allowance for the initial review period is 180 days, but DHCS strives to complete initial reviews much sooner.

The Enrollment Process Correcting Deficiencies

» If your application is incomplete, PED will return it to you for corrections.

- You will be notified via email to log into the PAVE system to fix the noted deficiencies in your application.
- You need to go into the application and make the corrections and then resubmit your application to PED within 60 days.

Common Denial Causes

Wrong NPI Type for the Business Entity

 The owner has formed a corporation or an LLC, but submits the application using a Type 1 NPI. Corporations, Partnerships, and LLCs must use a Type 2 NPI.

Failure to Fix All Deficiencies

- Expired documents
- Address on documents do not match the service address in the application
- Providing Automobile Registration rather than Commercial Registration
- Requesting NEMT as a mode of transportation when the disclosed vehicles do not qualify.

The Enrollment Process Onsite Inspections

- Your application may be referred for an onsite inspection.
- You will be notified of this action through PAVE.
- Onsite inspections include the following:
 - <u>NEMT Applications</u> (verifying ownership, application information and ensuring provider has an established place of business and Vehicle(s)/Operator(s) meet requirements)
 - <u>NMT Applications</u> (verifying ownership, application information is accurate and complete and ensuring provider has an established place of business)

The Enrollment Process Post-Onsite

- » Depending on the findings of the onsite, PED will either:
 - a) Approve your application
 - b) Deny your application
 - c) Return your application to you for additional information or corrections that must be made within 60 days and then you resubmit it to PED.

The Enrollment Process Approval and Denial

- If your application is approved, you will be notified via email to log into the PAVE system to receive your Approval Letter.
- » If your application is denied, you will be notified via email to log into the PAVE system to receive your Denial Letter with Appeal Rights.

Additional Resources

- For technical assistance with the PAVE system, please direct questions to the PAVE Help Desk at (866) 252-1949.
- For Medi-Cal enrollment questions, you can send an email inquiry by following this link <u>Provider Enrollment Division (PED) (ca.gov)</u> and then click on "PED, then "Inquiry Form", or call (916) 323-1945.
- For additional help in PAVE, click on the link below to take you to the PAVE homepage where you can access Provider Training videos and other tutorials.

https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/PAVE.aspx