

# Medical Transportation Changes

On October 1, 2010, changes will take effect for all Medicaid clients for reimbursement for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation. This brief article explains what this means for foster children, subsidized adoptive children and kinship placements who have a Medicaid card.

1. All foster/adoptive/kinship children with a Medicaid card are eligible for reimbursement for medical transportation for medical and mental health appointments both in their home community and outside their community. The positive change is that it now includes appointments in the home community.
2. DHS Income Maintenance Units will no longer be responsible for the reimbursement of claims after 10/1/10.
3. NEW – foster parents, subsidized adoptive parents and kinship caregivers will need to call TMS at 1-866-572-7662 at least two business days (48 hours) in advance of the appointment. This phone number is active as of September 20, 2010 for appointments starting October 1, 2010. TMS will verify Medicaid member eligibility and determine if trips are reimbursable under the Medicaid program. You will be given a Trip ID confirmation number once you provide the following information:
  - a. The child's full name, address, phone number and Medicaid ID number.
  - b. If you're driving, your name & relationship to the client.
  - c. The driver's mailing address and phone number
  - d. The date of the trip
  - e. The medical provider's name, address & phone number
4. TMS will determine who the driver will be. They will focus on the most cost effective and efficient transportation provider. Foster/adopt/kin parents who want to provide the transportation can have a contract with TMS to provide the services. You must supply proof of automobile insurance in your name that is fully active on the date the trip occurred. You may photocopy or use the driver's automobile liability insurance card available on most insurance policies. A copy of the policy will also suffice. **You may fax these documents to 1-866-584-7601 or mail them to TMS Management Group, Inc . - 5800 Fleur Drive, Room 312, Des Moines, Iowa 50321.**
5. Mileage Reimbursement Trip Log and Claim form can be submitted manually or electronically. The Mileage Reimbursement Trip Log and Claim Form will be filled out by you except where the physician/clinician must sign.
6. If you have a standing weekly appointment, it can be approved for one month at a time versus once a week. You can put several trips on one form as long as you received approval from TMS.
7. Reimbursement is \$.30 per loaded mile.
8. For those who have used Medical Transportation since June 2009, you have received a written notice of these rules.

IFAPA will have information on Medical Transportation and the forms on our website at [www.ifapa.org](http://www.ifapa.org). Information will also be on the IKN website at [www.iowakidsnet.com](http://www.iowakidsnet.com) .