

## **Provider Type 35 Specialty 987 Billing Guide**

# **Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transports**

#### Overview

Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transports is a Nevada Medicaid covered service for a person alleged to be in a mental health crisis or have a behavioral health condition, and may or may not be on a legal or voluntary hold. All Nevada Medicaid recipients, including Managed Care Organization (MCO) enrolled recipients, are eligible if the above conditions are met. The transport must meet the accreditation requirements with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH). The transport must be provided by a motor vehicle that is not an ambulance or other emergency response vehicle as prescribed in DPBH's regulations for accreditation.

This service can only be provided by Medicaid providers enrolled as a Specialty 987 under Provider Type 35. Ambulance, Air or Ground are emergency transportation services provided by provider type 32 Specialty 932. Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) services outside of Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transports are handled by Nevada Medicaid's contracted NEMT vendor.

#### **Policy**

Nevada Medicaid's policies can be found on the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) website, <a href="http://dhcfp.nv.gov">http://dhcfp.nv.gov</a>, under Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1900 – Transportation Services.

For Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transports policy see <u>Medicaid Services Manual (MSM)</u> Chapter 1900 - Transportation Services.

#### Fee Schedule

Rates are available on the Provider Web Portal at <a href="https://www.medicaid.nv.gov">www.medicaid.nv.gov</a> through the Search Fee Schedule function, which is listed under "Featured Links" on the left side of the webpage.

### **Prior Authorization (PA)**

Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transport services for Fee-for-Service and Managed Care Organization (MCO) recipients do not require prior authorization.

Payment is contingent upon eligibility, available benefits, contractual terms, limitations, exclusions, coordination of benefits and other terms and conditions set forth by the benefit program. Documentation of medical necessity may be required.

#### **Covered Services**

Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transport services may be used for the following transports:

- Facility-to-facility transport between facilities including but not limited to hospitals, public or private mental health facilities, and medical facilities.
- Transport to and from a facility arranged by individuals authorized by NRS 433A.160 to arrange for transportation.
- Transport of an individual seeking voluntary admission pursuant to NRS 433A.140 to a public or private mental health facility.

The following codes are billable:

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Code	Description	Units
T2003	Non-Emergency Transportation; Encounter/Trip	1 unit per claim
S0215	Non-Emergency Transportation; Mileage, Per Mile	Units = miles

# **Billing information**

Claims for Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transport services for all eligible Medicaid recipients must be submitted to Nevada Medicaid's fiscal agent to be billed as Fee-for-Service.

### Billing Base Rate and Mileage

To bill for base rate and mileage:

- Base rate and mileage are paid separately.
- On one claim line, enter the appropriate transport base code (T2003). On the same line, enter a 1 in the corresponding field.
- On another claim line, enter the mileage code (S0215) and the number of miles (one-mile equals one unit).

### Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transport Unique Modifier

Claims for both the base rate (T2003) and mileage rate (S0215) must be submitted with the unique modifier "UA."

### **Billing instructions**

Follow the instructions specified in the Transaction 837P – Professional Health Care Claim and Encounter EDI Companion Guide, which is available on the <u>Electronic Claims/EDI</u> webpage, and Electronic Verification System (EVS) Chapter 3 Claims, which is available on the <u>EVS User Manual</u> webpage.

#### Limitations

Family members or other unaccredited attendants are not authorized to travel in the secure vehicle with the recipient during these types of transports.

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