

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
STATE OF ALABAMA
METHODS OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION

Effective Date: 02/01/09

The Alabama Medicaid Agency assures that necessary transportation of recipients to and from sources of medical care will be provided as follows:

I. Non-emergency Transportation Services - Ambulance:

- A. All non-emergency ambulance services rendered to eligible Alabama Medicaid recipients for trips over 100 miles one way, where medical care is received requires prior authorization. Certification that medical conditions warrant the use of ambulance services are required by the attending physician.
- B. Non-emergency ambulance service is provided to eligible recipients who must be bed-confined or have debilitating physical condition(s) that require travel by stretcher only and require ground transportation to receive medical services.

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II. Non-emergency Transportation Services - Other:

Any appropriate means of transportation which can be obtained without charge through volunteer groups, nonprofit organizations, public services, relatives or other persons is the preferred method of transportation. If transportation is not available without charge, the Alabama Medicaid Agency will make reimbursement for non-emergency transportation, with the exception of ambulance transports, directly to the recipient through an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) system. The state will have on file the rates charged by the major transporters across the state. When a recipient requests assistance, the reimbursements will be issued based on the most cost-effective rate for the appropriate mode of transportation, considering the rates for the particular area and the options available to the requesting recipient.