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IHCP reminds waiver providers of changes for nonmedical transportation and enforces billing

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) recently announced changes to reimbursement rates and methodology for Aged and Disabled (A&D) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) waiver services, as published in *IHCP Bulletin* <u>BT202006</u>. The bulletin included changes to billing for nonmedical transportation services as follows.

Nonmedical transportation is now billable as a combination of a base trip code and a mileage code (see Table 1). The provider must bill a base trip code and mileage code together on the claim for the same date of service (DOS) and for the same member. The claim must be submitted by the same provider.

- Base trips should be billed using code T2003 (Nonemergency transportation; encounter/trip) with modifier U7 (waiver), modifier U1 or U2 to indicate non-assisted or assisted, and modifier UB to indicate a base trip. Base trips are billed as one-way travel, so two units are allowed for a roundtrip.
- Mileage for nonmedical transportation should be billed using code T2003 with modifier U7 and U1 or U2 to indicate non-assisted or assisted.



Effective June 15, 2020, and based on the billing guidance announced in <u>BT202006</u>, claims for nonmedical transportation mileage must be billed with the base trip, or the claim will deny for explanation of benefits (EOB) 4068 – *Mileage and other services will only be paid when billed with a paid base rate for the same date of service. Please verify and resubmit. If Medicare denial, please submit a copy of the Medicare denial.*

Table 1 – Nonmedical transportation rates and coverage, effective February 1, 2020

Service	Code	Mod 1	Mod 2	Mod 3	Modifier Description	A&D Rate	TBI Rate	Notes
Nonmedical Transportation Non-Assisted (Base Trip)	T2003	U7	U1	UB	U7=Waiver U1=Non-assisted UB=Base Trip	\$8.02	\$8.02	Base Trip
Nonmedical Transportation Non-Assisted (Mileage)	T2003	U7	U1		U7=Waiver U1=Non-assisted	\$1.06	\$1.06	Mileage
Nonmedical Transportation Assisted (Base Trip)	T2003	U7	U2	UB	U7=Waiver U2=Assisted UB=Base Trip	\$12.03	\$12.03	Base Trip
Nonmedical Transportation Assisted (Mileage)	T2003	U7	U2		U7=Waiver U2=Assisted	\$1.54	\$1.54	Mileage

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HCBS waiver attendant care providers' temporary extension for transporting members to medical appointments

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IHCP Bulletin BT202041 notified home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver attendant care providers that they would continue to receive reimbursement for transporting IHCP members to medical appointments, but only for claims with dates of service (DOS) through June 30, 2020. Following this temporary grace period, the IHCP will no longer reimburse waiver attendant care providers for nonemergency transportation services.

Attendant care providers that are currently providing transportation services and wish to continue doing so after June 30, 2020, should contact the State's nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) broker, Southeastrans, to discuss options, including enrolling as a common carrier or being reimbursed for gas mileage. For contact information, see BT202041.

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