

Community Pathways Waiver – Draft Proposal

Service Type: Other Service

Service (Name):

Alternative Service Title: **TRANSPORTATION**

HCBS Taxonomy:

Check as applicable

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition:

- A. Transportation services are designed specifically to improve an individual's ability to access community activities in response to needs identified through the individual's person centered plan. Services shall increase individual independence and reduce level of service need and support.
- B. Transportation services can include:
1. Orientation services in using other senses or supports for safe movement from one place to another;
 2. Mobility such as transportation coordination and accessing resources;
 3. Travel training such as supporting the individual in learning how to access and utilize informal, generic, and public transportation for independence and community integration;
 4. Transportation services provided by different modalities, including: public and community transportation, taxi services, transportation specific prepaid transportation cards, mileage reimbursement, volunteer transportation, and non-traditional transportation providers; and
 5. Purchase of prepaid transportation vouchers and cards such as the Charm Card and Taxi Cards.

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Services are available to the individual living in their own home or in the individual's family home.
- B. For Individuals self-directing their services, transportation budget is based on their preferences and funds availability from their authorized person centered plan and budget.
- C. The Program will not make payment to spouses or legally responsible individuals for furnishing transportation services.
- D. Individuals self-directing services may utilize a relative and legal guardian to provide services when the individual's person centered plan establishes that:
1. choice of provider truly reflects the individual's wishes and desires;
 2. the provision of services by the a relative or legal guardian are in the best interests of the individual;

3. the provision of services by the a relative and legal guardian are appropriate and based on the individual's individual support needs;
 4. the services provided by the a relative and legal guardian will increase the individual's independence and community integration;
 5. there are documented steps in the person centered plan that will be taken to expand the individual's circle of support so that they are able to maintain and improve their health, safety, independence, and level of community integration on an ongoing basis should the a relative and legal guardian acting in the capacity of employee be no longer be available; and
 6. a Supportive Decision Making (SDM) agreement is established that identifies the people (beyond family members) who will support the individual in making her/his own decisions.
- E. Payment rates for services must be customary and reasonable as established or authorized by the Program.
- F. Transportation service shall be provided by the most cost-efficient mode available and shall be wheelchair accessible when needed.
- G. Transportation services will not be covered if other transportation service is available under the individual's private insurance, the Medicaid State Plan, educational services, the Rehabilitation Act, other waiver services, or through other resources.
- H. Transportation services will not be covered when transportation is part of another waiver service such as day habilitation, community learning services, employment discovery and customization, prevocational, supported employment or residential habilitation services.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

Transportation is limited to \$1400 per year per individual for people using traditional, non-self-directed DDA funded services.

For individuals self-directing their services, transportation to attend out of state conferences or training is limited up to \$450.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies)

- Participant Directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider Managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check all that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications: (Instructions list the following for each type of provider that can deliver the services):

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| Provider Category | Provider Type Title |
| Individual | Individual – for self-directed services |
| Agency | DDA Certified Organized Health Care Delivery System Provider |

Provider Specifications for Services

Provider Category: Individual

Provider Type: Individual for self-directed services only

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

For individuals providing direct transportation -Staff must have valid Class C Driver’s License and car insurance

Certificate (specify):

Orientation, Mobility and Travel Training Specialists – must attend and have a current certification as a travel trainer from one of the following entities:

1. Easter Seals Project Action (ESPA)
2. American Public Transit Association
3. Community Transportation Association of America
4. National Transit Institute (NTI)
5. American Council for the Blind
6. National Federation of the Blind
7. Association of Travel Instruction
8. Other recognized entities based on approval from the DDA

Other Standard (specify):

All provider qualifications would be reviewed and approved by the individual or their designee.

Individuals in self-directing services may require additional provider requirements based on their preferences and level of needs such as:

1. Current first aid and CPR training and certification;
2. Training by individual/family on individual-specific information (including preferences, positive behavior supports, when needed, and disability-specific information);
3. Passing a criminal background investigation; and
4. Signing a self-directed provider agreement verifying qualifications and communicating expectations.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

- Fiscal Management Service providers for verification of provider qualifications
- Coordinator of Community Services for use of a relative and legal guardian as a service provider

Frequency of Verification:

- Fiscal Management Service providers – prior to delivery of services
- Coordinator of Community Services prior to service initiation and during annual team meetings

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| Provider Category: Agency |
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Provider Type: DDA Certified Organized Health Care Delivery System Provider

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

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Certificate (specify):

DDA certified Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDS) provider as per COMAR 10.22.02 and 10.22.20

Other Standard (specify):

OHCDS providers shall verify the licenses and credentials of individuals providing services with whom they contract or employs and have a copy of the same available upon request.

OHCDS must ensure the individual or entity performing the service meets the qualifications noted below as applicable to the service being provided:

1. For individuals providing direct transportation -Staff must have valid Class C Driver's License and car insurance
2. Orientation, Mobility and Travel Training Specialists – must attend and have a current certification as a travel trainer from one of the following entities:
 - a) Easter Seals Project Action (ESPA)
 - b) American Public Transit Association
 - c) Community Transportation Association of America
 - d) National Transit Institute (NTI)
 - e) American Council for the Blind

- f) National Federation of the Blind
- g) Association of Travel Instruction
- h) Other recognized entities based on approval from the DDA

Verification of Provider Qualifications Entity

Responsible for Verification:

- DDA for verification of the Organized Health Care Delivery System certification
- Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDS) provider for verification of staff qualifications
- Coordinator of Community Services for use of a relative and legal guardian as a service provider

Frequency of Verification:

- DDA - Annual for certification
- OHCDS – prior to service delivery
- Coordinator of Community Services prior to service initiation and during annual team meetings