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Transmittal Letter TRN-41

March 2023

**TO:** Transportation Providers Participating in MassHealth

**FROM:** Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth [signature of Mike Levine]

# **RE:** Transportation Manual (Removal of Wheelchair Van Service Codes to Subchapter 6 and Billing for Specimen Collection for COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing Without Member Transportation)

This letter transmits revised service codes in the *Transportation Manual*. MassHealth has updated Service Codes and Descriptions (Subchapter 6) to remove Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for wheelchair van services. Effective April 1, 2022, all wheelchair van services previously covered by MassHealth as fee-for-service transportation were made available through the Human Service Transportation (HST) Office brokerage, although for two months, providers were permitted to bill MassHealth for the service codes listed below.

Effective June 1, 2022, providers can no longer bill MassHealth directly for wheelchair van transportation. To provide MassHealth wheelchair van transportation, a transportation provider must be enrolled with one or both HST transportation brokers, Montachusett Regional Transit Authority (MART) and Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA). Please see [Transportation Bulletin 19](http://www.mass.gov/doc/transportation-bulletin-19-wheelchair-van-transportation-and-brokered-transportation-0/download) for more details.

Effective May 12, 2023, MassHealth will no longer reimburse transportation providers for medically necessary visits to members to obtain and transport specimens for COVID-19 diagnostic testing through HCPCS code A0998 (Ambulance response and treatment; no transport) as stated in [All Provider Bulletin 319](https://www.mass.gov/doc/all-provider-bulletin-319-coverage-and-reimbursement-policy-updates-for-services-related-to-covid-19-after-the-termination-of-the-state-of-emergency-0/download?_ga=2.80095057.736832846.1677857847-584500060.1621526330) at the end of the federal public health emergency.

The service codes being removed for wheelchair van transportation are listed below.

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| **Code** | **Modifier** | **Description** |
| S0215 |  | Nonemergency transportation; mileage, per mile. |
| S0215 | TS | Nonemergency transportation; mileage, per mile (when more than two one-way trips are being billed for the same member on the same date of service) |
| A0120 |  | Nonemergency transportation: mini-bus, mountain area transports, or other transportation systems. (Used only for non-emergency wheelchair van transport for a person under investigation or known to have COVID-19) (IC) |
| A0130 |  | Nonemergency transportation: wheelchair van |
| A0130 | TS | Nonemergency transportation: wheelchair van (when more than two one-way trips are being billed for the same member on the same date of service) |

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| **Code** | **Modifier** | **Description** |
| A0130 | TK | Nonemergency transportation; wheelchair van (extra patient or passenger, non-ambulance) (No mileage fee allowed.) |
| A0130 | TK TS | Nonemergency transportation; wheelchair van (when more than two one-way trips are being billed for the same member on the same date of service) (extra patient or passenger, non-ambulance) (No mileage fee allowed.) |
| T2001 |  | Nonemergency transportation; patient attendant/escort (Use for second attendant.) |
| T2001 | TS | Nonemergency transportation; patient attendant/escort (when more than two one-way trips are being billed for the same member on the same date of service) (Use for second attendant.) |

If you wish to obtain a fee schedule, you may download the Executive Office of Health and Human Services regulations at no cost at [www.mass.gov/service-details/eohhs-regulations](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/eohhs-regulations). The regulation title for Transportation Services is 130 CMR 407.000.

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601 Service Codes and Descriptions: Ambulance Services

Service

Code Modifier Service Description

# Ground Mileage

A0425 Ground mileage, per statute mile (Ambulances must use this code for mileage. Do not use S0215.)

**Ambulance Service, Specialty Care Transport**

A0434 Specialty care transport (interfacility transportation)

**Ambulance Service, Advanced Life Support**

A0426 Ambulance service, advanced life support, nonemergency transport, level 1

(ALS 1)

A0426 TS Ambulance service, advanced life support, nonemergency transport, level 1

(ALS 1) (when more than two one-way trips are being billed for the same member on the same date of service)

A0427 Ambulance service, advanced life support, emergency transport, level 1 (ALS 1 – emergency)

A0427 TS Ambulance service, advanced life support, emergency transport, level 1 (ALS 1 – emergency) (when more than two one-way trips are being billed for the same member on the same date of service)

A0430 Air ambulance, conventional air services, transport, one way (fixed wing)

A0431 Air ambulance, conventional air services, transport, one way (rotary wing)

A0433 Advanced life support, level 2 (ALS 2)

A0433 TS Advanced life support, level 2 (ALS 2) (when more than two one-way trips are being billed for the same member on the same date of service) Ambulance Service, Basic Life Support

**Ambulance Service, Basic Life Support**

A0428 Ambulance service, basic life support, nonemergency transport (BLS)

A0428 TS Ambulance service, basic life support, nonemergency transport (BLS) (when more than two one-way trips are being billed for the same member on the same date of service)

A0429 Ambulance service, basic life support, emergency transport (BLS – emergency)

A0429 TS Ambulance service, basic life support, emergency transport (BLS – emergency) (when more than two one-way trips are being billed for the same member on the same date of service)

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Service

Code Modifier Service Description

**Other – Ancillary Services**

A0999 Unlisted ambulance service (Used for transporting patients who require special resources to be safely transported, including but not limited to ​bariatric patients; requires prior authorization from the MassHealth agency.) Adequate information is needed to determine the need for the transportation requested and that the member will receive a medically necessary service covered by MassHealth at the trip’s destination; and if recurring transportation is requested, the expected duration of the need for transportation should be provided (specific time period not to exceed six months for acute illness; one year for chronic illness). (I.C.)

602 Service Codes and Descriptions: Other Licensed Carriers

Service

Code Modifier Service Description

A0140 Nonemergency transportation and air travel (private or commercial), intra- or interstate

A0140 TS Nonemergency transportation and air travel (private or commercial), intra- or interstate (when more than two one-way trips are being billed for the same member on the same date of service.