



## Colorado Medicaid Benefits Collaborative Policy Statement

### ANCILLARY SERVICES:

- Escort
  - An escort may accompany a client when:
    - The client is a child or an at-risk adult, and is unable to make personal/medical determinations or provide necessary self-care as certified in writing by the client's attending Medicaid enrolled provider.
    - The escort or attendant must be physically and cognitively capable of providing the needed services for the client.
  - Non-emergency transportation may cover the cost of transporting a second client escort, with written certification for medical necessity from the clients attending Medicaid enrolled provider, if:
    - The client has a behavioral or medical condition which may cause the client to be a threat to self or others if only one escort is provided; or
    - The client's primary caregiver has a disability that precludes the caregiver from providing all of the client's needs during transport or extended stay; or
  - Minors who are at least thirteen (13) years old, but younger than eighteen (18) years old, may travel alone with a written release from their parent or guardian, as long as an adult is present to receive the minor at the destination and at the return location. Minors under thirteen (13) years old shall not travel without an escort.
  - School-age children in a day treatment program, may travel without an escort, as long as there is a written release from their parent or guardian, stating that an adult will be present to receive the minor at the destination and return location. Children are not eligible for NEMT travel to and from school funded day treatment programs.
- Meals /Lodging
  - Available for in-state treatment when travel cannot be completed in one calendar day.
  - Available for authorized out-of-state treatment if not included as part of the inpatient stay.
  - Meals, lodging, and transportation expenses may be covered for the escort when the client is a child or an at-risk adult who requires the escort's continued stay.
  - Reimburse will only be made for meals and lodging that clients are actually charged for; if a client is not normally billed meals and lodging will not be reimbursed.

### URGENT CARE TRANSPORTATION:

- Urgent care transportation is permissible if