

Medica Certification of Need for Special Transportation

Section A

Definitions

Special Transportation – The transport of a recipient who, because of a *physical or mental impairment, is unable to use a common carrier and does not require ambulance service.

Common Carrier Transportation – The transport of a recipient by a bus, taxicab, or other commercial carrier or by private automobile.

Ambulance Service – The transport of a recipient whose medical condition or diagnosis requires medically necessary services before and during transport.

***NOTE:** “Physical or mental impairment” - a physiological disorder, physical condition, or mental disorder that prohibits access to, or safe use of, common carrier transportation.

Medica Products Requiring a Certification of Need for Special Transportation:

Coverage of special transportation is a limited benefit and a signed Certification of Need form is required.

- Medica Choice Care in Pre-Paid Medical Assistance Programs (PMAP)
- MinnesotaCare Expanded Benefit Set
- Medica Choice Care members in the pre-paid General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) program

Certification of Need Guidelines:

- A signed Certification of Need form must be authorized by one of the following authorized medical professionals:
 1. Attending Physician (Medical Doctor)
 2. Nurse Practitioner
 3. Clinical Nurse Specialist
 4. Physician Assistant (Working under the delegation of a Medica contracted attending physician)
- Incomplete forms are not accepted, and are returned to the transportation provider for completion.
- The Certification of Need form must be submitted to Medica within forty-five (45) days of the members first ride date.
- Forms submitted greater than forty-five (45) days after the first ride date indicated on the Certification of Need form are not be entered into the Special Transportation database, and are returned to the transportation provider.
- Certification of Need forms are valid for a period not to exceed one (1) year (365 Days) .
- Certification of Need forms are subject to the member’s Medica eligibility status and plan benefits for the date(s) of service indicated on the Certification of Need form.
- Transportation Providers are responsible for verifying current member eligibility and benefits prior to providing transportation services.

Certification of Need for Special Transportation Submission Information

Certification of Need forms are available via www.medica.com

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