

# Section XIII: Non-Emergency Transportation Services

The following are guidelines for reimbursement of non-emergency transportation. These codes are Georgia state-specific and should be used for workers' compensation billing purposes.

## General Guidelines

Codes and fees specify ambulatory and lift van reimbursements separately.

Flat-rate, pick-up fees are not applicable.

Additional gasoline surcharge fees are not reimbursable as they are included in fee schedule reimbursement.

Very remote areas are considered 50 miles or more.

Wait-time fees are reimbursed at \$25.00 for the first hour and \$12.50 for each additional 30-minute increments after the first hour. A cumulative total-day wait time of one hour or more can be charged. There is no wait-time reimbursement for anything less than one hour for an entire day.

Any transportation fees outside of this schedule should be negotiated between the payer and provider before services rendered.

## Ambulatory:

Code	Description	Maximum Allowable Rate
TP010	Per-mile charge	\$1.95 per mile
TP015	Wait-time charge	\$25.00 first 60 minutes \$12.50 each additional 30 minutes
TP020	Minimum charge	Only one minimum fee of \$30.00 allowable for entire day. If mileage exceeds \$30.00, use per-mile rate (TP0010)
TP025	After hours and weekends	Regular working hours are considered to be Monday thru Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday are considered to be weekend days. An additional charge not to exceed \$25.00 per day may be billed if pick-up time is earlier than 6:00 a.m. or later than 6:00 p.m. weekdays. An additional charge not to exceed \$25.00 per day may be billed for pick up on weekend days.
TP030	Wheelchair handling	A \$10.00 charge for each time a wheelchair is folded and loaded into a trunk or backseat, with a maximum daily charge of \$35.00 may be billed.

<b>TP035</b>	Hands-on passenger assistance	If hands-on assistance is needed to move a patient in and out of the vehicle, a fee according to the degree of assistance that is required should be negotiated with the payer prior to travel.
<b>TP040</b>	Additional fees – rural areas	Negotiate fee prior
<b>TP045</b>	Passenger pick-up fees when driver is leaving from and returning home	No additional reimbursement unless it is a very remote area, and then reimbursement must be negotiated prior.
<b>TP050</b>	No-call/no-show charges	A \$50.00 charge may be billed; very remote areas (50 miles or more) may charge \$75.00.

**Lift Vans:**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Maximum Allowable Rate</b>
<b>TP100</b>	Per-mile charge	\$2.75 per mile
<b>TP105</b>	Wait-time charge	\$25.00 first 60 minutes \$12.50 each additional 30 minutes
<b>TP110</b>	Loading and unloading of patient	\$35.00 per trip, not to exceed \$70.00 per day
<b>TP115</b>	After hours and weekends	Regular working hours are considered to be Monday thru Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday are considered to be weekend days. An additional charge not to exceed \$25.00 per day may be billed if pick-up time is earlier than 6:00 a.m. or later than 6:00 p.m. weekdays. An additional charge not to exceed \$25.00 per day may be billed for pick up on weekend days.
<b>TP120</b>	Additional handling fees	If stretcher transportation or other unusual handling is required, this should be identified and negotiated prior. Otherwise charges are included in loading fees.
<b>TP125</b>	Additional fees – rural areas	Negotiate fee prior
<b>TP130</b>	Passenger pick-up when driver is leaving from and returning home	No additional reimbursement unless it is a very remote area, and then reimbursement must be negotiated prior.
<b>TP135</b>	No-call/no-show charges	A \$75.00 charge may be billed; \$100 charge for very remote (50 miles or more) areas.