

Georgia Medical Fee Schedule – April 1, 2019

Section XIII: Transportation

Subsection A: Non-Emergency 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 the fee rates listed below. 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.

Holiday days are defined in Section IV of this fee schedule.

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

Ambulatory:

| Code | Description | Maximum Allowable Rate |
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| TP010 | Per-mile charge | \$2.28 per mile |
| TP015 | Wait-time charge first hour | \$27.68 first 60 minutes |
| TP016 | Wait-time charge additional time | \$6.91 each additional 15 minutes |
| TP020 | Minimum charge | Only one minimum fee of \$33.20 allowable for entire day. If mileage exceeds \$33.20, use per-mile rate (TP010) |
| TP025 | After hours, weekends, and holidays | 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 \$27.68 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 \$27.68 per day may be billed for pick up on weekend days and holidays. |
| TP030 | Wheelchair handling | A charge of \$11.06 for each time a wheelchair is folded and loaded into a trunk or backseat, with a maximum daily charge of \$44.24 may be billed. |
| TP035 | 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 payor prior to travel. |
| TP040 | Additional fees – rural areas | Negotiate fee prior. |
| TP045 | 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. |
| TP046 | Rush – less than 24 hours | \$27.68 |
| TP047 | Late cancellation – two business hours or less | \$33.20 |
| TP050 | No-call/no-show charges | A charge of \$55.32 may be billed; very remote areas (50 miles or more) may charge \$83.00. |

Lift Vans:

| Code | Description | Maximum Allowable Rate |
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| TP100 | Per-mile charge | \$3.27 per mile |
| TP105 | Wait-time charge first hour | \$44.26 first 60 minutes |
| TP106 | Wait-time charge additional time | \$11.34 each additional 15 minutes |
| TP110 | Loading and unloading of patient | \$44.26 per trip, not to exceed \$88.53 per day |
| TP115 | After hours, weekends, and holidays | 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 \$27.86 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 \$27.86 per day may be billed for pick up on weekend-days and holidays. |
| TP120 | 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. |
| TP125 | Additional fees – rural areas | Negotiate fee prior. |
| TP130 | 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. |
| TP131 | Rush – less than 24 business hours | \$27.68 |
| TP132 | Late cancellation – two business hours or less | \$44.26 |
| TP135 | No-call/no-show charges | A charge of \$83.00 may be billed; \$110.65 charge for very remote (50 miles or more) areas. |

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