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The following amendment is made to The Georgia Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule of April 1, 2008, adopted by the State Board of Workers' Compensation and will become effective October 1, 2008.

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 **fees 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.

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	\$2.05 per mile
TP015	Wait-time charge first hour	\$25.00 first 60 minutes
TP016	Wait-time charge additional time	\$6.25 each additional 15 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, 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 \$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 and holidays.
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 \$40.00 may be billed.
TP035	Hands-on passenger	If hands-on assistance is needed to move assistance 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.
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 business hours	\$25.00
TP047	Late cancellation – two business hours or less	\$30.00
TP050	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:

Code	Description	Maximum Allowable Rate
TP100	Per-mile charge	\$2.95 per mile
TP105	Wait-time charge first hour	\$41.00 first 60 minutes
TP106	Wait-time charge additional time	\$10.25 each additional 15 minutes
TP110	Loading and unloading of patient	\$40.00 per trip, not to exceed \$80.00 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 \$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 **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	\$25.00
TP132	Late cancellation – two business business hours or less	\$40.00
TP135 charge	No-call/no-show charges	A \$75.00 charge may be billed; \$100 for very remote (50 miles or more) areas.