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After much consideration, the Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation has developed its first **Non-Emergency Transportation Fee Schedule**. This fee schedule was created by the Chairman's Advisory Council's Rehabilitation and Managed Care, Rules and Mediation, and Medical Subcommittees which include payers and providers well versed in the workers' compensation field. A draft was submitted to transportation providers for comment. Upon review of the feedback received, a final draft was reviewed and approved by the Chairman, The Honorable Carolyn C. Hall, and the Directors, The Honorable Viola S. Drew and The Honorable Warren Massey.

The Non-Emergency Transportation Fee Schedule will become **effective July 1, 2007**. Currently, it stands alone but will be incorporated into next year's Georgia Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule. Revisions to this fee schedule will be reviewed annually along with the Georgia Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule.

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Ambulatory:

Cost per mile:	\$1.95 per mile
Wait fee – less than 1 hour:	No charge if less than 1 hour for entire day. Total day can include cumulative wait time if several wait times in one day.
Wait fee – greater than 1 hour:	\$25.00 per hour
Minimum charge:	Only one minimum charge of \$30.00 is allowed for the entire day. If the cost of the trip is more than \$30.00, then use the per-mile rate.
Flat rate pick-up fees:	None
Extra charge – after hours and weekends:	There is a maximum charge of \$25.00 for an entire day. Saturday and Sunday are considered to be weekend days. Normal working hours, Monday thru Friday, begin at 6:00 a.m. for time of pick up. Extra charge may be applied if the pick-up time is earlier than 6:00 a.m. or later than 6:00 p.m. If the driver leaves the appointment location after 6:00 p.m., an extra charge of up to \$25.00 per day maximum may be added.
Wheelchair handling:	A \$10.00 charge for each time a wheelchair is folded and loaded into a trunk or backseat, with a maximum charge of \$35.00 for an entire day can be billed.
Loading and unloading:	If hands-on assistance is needed to move patient in and out of the vehicle, a fee according to the degree of assistance that is needed should be negotiate with the payer prior to travel. If hands-on assistance is not needed, there will be no charge. If wheelchair folding is required, a fee of \$10.00 per wheelchair folding with a maximum of \$35.00 for the entire day may be charged.
Extra charge for rural areas:	A fee should be negotiated with the payer prior to the trip.
Passenger pick-up charges when driver is leaving from and returning home:	No charge is allowed unless it is a very remote area, and must be negotiated prior with payer.
No-call/no-show charges:	\$50.00 fee may be billed; very remote area \$75.00

Lift Vans:

Cost per mile:	\$2.75 per mile
Loading and unloading:	\$35.00 per trip – not to exceed \$70.00 per day
Wait fee – less than 1 hr.:	No charge if less than 1 hour for entire day, but can be billed as cumulative wait time for the day.
Wait fee – greater than 1 hr.:	\$25.00 per hour
Minimum charge:	A charge \$50.00 per one-way trip, not to exceed \$100.00 maximum for entire day, may be billed. If the cost of the trip exceeds \$100.00, the per-mile rate may be used.
Flat-rate pick-up fee:	None
Extra charge – after hours and weekends:	There is a maximum charge of \$25.00 for an entire day. Saturday and Sunday are considered to be weekend days. Normal working hours, Monday thru Friday, begin at 6:00 a.m. for time of pick up. Extra charge may be applied if the pick-up time is earlier than 6:00 a.m. or later than 6:00 p.m. If the driver leaves the appointment location after 6:00 p.m., an extra charge of up to \$25.00 per day maximum may be added.
Extra handling charges:	None – included in loading fee. If stretcher transportation or other unusual handling is required, this should be identified and negotiated in advance with the payer.
Extra charge for rural areas:	A fee should be negotiated with the payer prior to the trip.
Passenger pick-up charges when driver is leaving from and returning home:	None – unless very remote area, and then fee must be negotiated prior with the payer
No-call/no-show charge:	A \$75.00 fee may be charged; very remote area \$100.00