



- Require both special transportation and access transportation providers to determine the most direct route by using commercially available software approved by the commissioner and designated by the provider as the program to be used for all trips.

The amendments to paragraph (c) also modify reimbursement rates for special transportation and access transportation services, by:

- Specifying that the reimbursement rates listed are “minimum” rates (current law provides that these rates are “maximum” rates);
- Setting rates for access transportation services at: (1) \$10 for the base rate and \$1.35 per mile for services to persons who do not need a wheelchair-accessible van; and (2) \$10 for the base rate and \$1.30 per mile for persons who do not need a wheelchair-accessible van.
- Increasing special transportation and access transportation rates for miles equal to or exceeding 51 miles to 125 percent of the specified rates;
- Increasing base rates by one percent for special and access transportation services in areas defined under RUCA to be rural;
- Increasing base rates by 22.6 percent for special and access transportation services in areas defined under RUCA to be super rural;
- Setting the following mileage rates for special and access transportation services in areas defined to be rural and super rural: (1) 150 percent of the specified rate for trips of 17 miles or less; (2) 100 percent of the specified rate for trips between 18 and 50 miles; and (3) 125 percent of the specified rate for trips equal to or greater than 51 miles.

A new paragraph (d) provides that the recipient’s place of residence determines whether the urban, rural, or super rural reimbursement rate applies.

A new paragraph (e) requires special transportation and access transportation providers to obtain delivery confirmation of the recipient by the medical provider.

- 3 Broker dispatching prohibition.** Amends § 256B.0625, by adding subd. 17b. Prohibits the commissioner from using a broker or coordinator to manage or dispatch nonemergency medical transportation services.
- 4 Reimbursement reform act.** States that this act shall be referred to as the “Nonemergency Medical Transportation Reimbursement Reform Act of 2009.”