

SBAR New NEMT service: Protected Transport and other transportation changes

**AUC BUSINESS NEED EXPLANATION FORM (SBAR)
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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REMINDER: Submit the completed SBAR and MCT Decision Tree form via email to the AUC at health.AUC@state.mn.us. The MCT Decision Tree is completed for medical coding issues only.

Section I – SBAR Short Title, Date, and Contact information (Person submitting the SBAR and/or Subject Matter Expert)

SBAR Short title: Protected Transport	Date: 5-9-2016
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Section II – SBAR information (Concise and specific description of the issue to be addressed stating the Situation, Background, Assessment, and Recommendation)

SBAR Issue Title:

S	<p>SITUATION – Describe the current business practice(Please describe the problem or issue to be addressed):</p> <p>On 7-1-2016, the medical transportation services that DHS currently classifies as access transportation services (ATS) which is administered by the counties/tribes along with special transportation services (STS) administered by the state will change to add a new service, called protected transport.</p>
B	<p>BACKGROUND – Explain the pertinent history of the business practice (How does this work today):</p> <p>Minnesota Statute 256B.0625, Subd. 17 thru 17b and 18 thru 18h, contains the full range of information related to this legislation that has changed to add 'protected transport.</p> <p>Subdivisions 17 thru 17b contain the real information related to the transports. Part of this change will require all NEMT providers to be STS certified by MnDOT unless they are a publically operated transit system, a volunteer driver, or "not for hire vehicle" (personal mileage). [Subd. 17, Item (c)]</p>
A	<p>ASSESSMENT – Summarize your analysis of this issue (what are your challenges, what type of organizations are impacted by these challenges – provider types, health plans, others? Please indicate how this applies to AUC's mission, vision, values, and strategy. Are there any national or community standards that exist or are being developed that might help address the situation? If so, please explain):</p> <p>The change will include a change in transport service definitions and a new transportation type referenced as "protected transport".</p>

Transport services as a whole will be referenced as “non-emergency medical transportation” or “NEMT”. With that change in terminology, the current classification of “ATS” will change and be referenced as “**County/Tribal Administered NEMT**”. Also, what is currently the “STS” transports will be referenced as “**State Administered NEMT**”. Part of this change in terminology is based on statute and the common language used by the “Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Advisory Committee”.

These changes are effective on 7-1-2016.

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RECOMMENDATION – What are you recommending, including any known timing that needs to be considered:

RE: Coding and billing; these changes will be as follows:

- The state modifiers that are currently used that **will continue to be used** for the County/Tribal NEMT transports for dates-of-service on/after 7-1-2016 are the following:
 - o **UC** modifier will continue to be used with the A0090 (personal mileage) service code to indicate a higher mileage reimbursement rate licensed foster parents
 - o **U2** modifier will continue to be used with the S0215 (ambulatory mileage) service code to indicate the mileage payment rate for county/tribal NEMT transports billed with the A0100 (taxi/dial-a-ride) county/tribal service code as part of “unassisted transport”
 - o **U7** modifier will continue to be used with the A0110 (bus/light rail) county/tribal service code to indicate reimbursement for a “monthly” bus/light rail pass as part of the county/tribal NEMT transports included in the “unassisted transport” type
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- The state **modifiers that will end** with the last date-of-service **6-30-2016** for the county/tribal current ATS transports include:
 - o **U4** modifier will no longer be needed for use with the A0100 transport county/tribal service code for “taxi/dial-a-ride, ambulatory, door-to-door”
 - o **U5** modifier will no longer be needed for use with the A0100 transport county/tribal service code for “taxi/dial-a-ride, wheelchair, curb-to-curb”
 - o **U6** modifier will no longer be needed for use with the A0100 transport county/tribal service code for “taxi/dial-a-ride, wheelchair, door-to-door”
 - o **U2** modifier will no longer be needed for use with the S0209 mileage county/tribal service code for “taxi/dial-a-ride, wheelchair”

The following represents the **new benefit** for “protected transport”, part of the State Administered NEMT services, and effective for dates-of-service on/after 7-1-2016.

This is a new transport type for MHCP and there are no service (base/pickup) or mileage codes for this transport type. **The single modifier will be used with both the following codes for the base/pickup and mileage charges:**

- o **T2003 UA**- Nonemergency transportation; encounter/trip, Protected Transport -service code and state modifier will identify the transport base/pick-up billing for protected transport
- o **S0215 UA** -Nonemergency transportation; mileage, per mile, Protected Transport -service code and state modifier will identify the mileage billing for protected transport

Section III – AUC Response (Include date SBAR recommendation was reviewed and approved by AUC TAG; coding issue addressed or SBAR issue title; whether TAG accepted or rejected recommendation requested in SBAR; explanation or basis for TAG decision and SBAR response will be placed in recommendation grid or companion guide):

Date [SBAR Response Approved by TAG]:

Reviewed by [AUC TAG Name]:

AUC Co-Chair(s):

AUC Response:

Discussion/Summary:

Decision:

Non Emergency Medical Transport [NEMT]

New Service: Protected Transport - effective 7-1-2016

Procedure Code / U MOD	HCPCS Description	DHS Description
T2003 UA	Nonemergency transportation; encounter/trip	Nonemergency transportation; encounter/trip, Protected Transport
S0215 UA	Nonemergency transportation; mileage, per mile	Nonemergency transportation; mileage, per mile, Protected Transport

Access Transportation Services [ATS]- Ending 6/30/16

Procedure Code / U MOD	HCPCS Description	DHS Description
A0100 U4	Nonemergency transportation; taxi	County/tribal service code for "taxi/dial-a-ride, ambulatory, door-to-door"
A0100 U5	Nonemergency transportation; taxi	County/tribal service code for "taxi/dial-a-ride, wheelchair, curb-to-curb"
A0100 U6	Nonemergency transportation; taxi	County/tribal service code for "taxi/dial-a-ride, wheelchair, door-to-door"
S0209 U2	Wheelchair van, mileage, per mile	Non-emergency transportation; wheelchair van, mileage per mile

No Change to any of the following services;

-County/Tribal Administered NEMT [formerly known as ATS - Access Transportation Services thru 6-30-16] and

-State Administered NEMT [formerly known as STS - Special Transportation Services thru 6-30-16]

Procedure Code / U MOD	HCPCS Description	DHS Description
A0080	Nonemergency transportation, per mile – volunteer driver	Volunteer driver mileage reimbursement
A0090 UC	Nonemergency transportation, per mile - Licensed foster parent - vehicle provided by individual licensed foster parent	Personal mileage reimbursement, licensed foster parent
A0100	Nonemergency transportation; taxi	Unassisted Transport Base/Pickup (Taxi/dial-a-ride for county/tribe Administered NEMT)
A0110	Nonemergency transportation and bus, intra- or interstate carrier	Bus/Light Rail
A0110 U7	Nonemergency transportation and bus, intra- or interstate carrier	Bus/light rail monthly pass
A0120	Nonemergency transportation: mini-bus, mountain area transports, or other transportation systems	ADA paratransit

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-County/Tribal Administered NEMT [formerly known as *ATS - Access Transportation Services thru 6-30-16*] and
-State Administered NEMT [formerly known as *STS - Special Transportation Services thru 6-30-16*]

A0130	Nonemergency transportation: wheelchair van	Ramp/lift Equipped Vehicle Base/Pickup (Wheelchair transport for State Administered NEMT)
A0140	Nonemergency transportation and air travel (private or commercial) intra- or interstate	Air travel
S0209	Wheelchair van, mileage, per mile	Mileage Ramp/Lift Equipped Vehicle
S0215	Nonemergency transportation, encounter/trip; mileage, per mile	Thru 6/30/16: STS ambulatory mileage Effective 7/1/16: State administered NEMT assisted transport mileage
S0215 U2	Nonemergency transportation; mileage, per mile	Mileage unassisted transport
T2001	Nonemergency transportation; patient attendant/escort	Extra Attendant – Stretcher
T2003	Nonemergency transportation, encounter/trip	Thru 6/30/16: STS ambulatory mileage Effective 7/1/16: State administered NEMT assisted transport mileage
T2005	Nonemergency transportation; stretcher van	Stretcher Transport Base/Pickup (State Administered NEMT)
T2049	Nonemergency transportation; stretcher van, mileage; per mile	Mileage Stretcher Transport