



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Medicaid Coordinators
District Chief Financial Officers
District Special Needs Transportation (SNT) Coordinators

FROM: Vanesha Perrin
Director, Office of Medicaid Services

DATE: October 8, 2024

RE: Special Needs Transportation – Medicaid Rate Increase

Effective October 1, 2024, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) increased the Special Needs Transportation (SNT) reimbursement rate to \$29.06 per trip. The rate increase will apply to SNT claims submitted on or after October 1, 2024. This is the first SNT rate increase since fiscal year 2010.

Over the last 14 years, the SNT reimbursement rate has been \$13.35 per trip. The previous SNT rate of \$13.35 per trip will continue to apply to all SNT claims with dates of service prior to October 1, 2024. As the Medicaid timely filing requirement is 365 days, any claims for dates of service prior to October 1, 2024, will be reimbursed at the \$13.35 rate, even if the claim is submitted after October 1, 2024.

Districts participating in the SNT program could possibly see an SNT reimbursement increase within the December 2024 payment cycle (granted that all SNT ridership logs and direct service claim submissions are completed timely and appropriately by school districts). Please remember that the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) pays the state match for SNT Medicaid claims and shares 50% of the remaining federal financial payment (FFP) with school districts.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this memo, please do not hesitate to reach out to Vanesha Perrin at vrperrin@ed.sc.gov.