



Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) vs. Non-Medical Transportation (NMT)

The transportation benefit under Cal MediConnect has changed. Beneficiaries will now have access to non-medical transportation rides beyond the 30 rides originally covered. Learn more about Cal MediConnect transportation benefits below.

Do I need a prescription for the transportation services?	NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION (NEMT) NEMT services will take you to a medically necessary covered service if you can't travel by car or public transportation.	NON-MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION (NMT) NMT services will take you to a medically necessary service if you can travel by car or public transportation.
What are medically necessary covered services?	It includes your Medicare and Medi-Cal covered benefits, including round trips to pick up prescription drugs or medical supplies.	
Do I need a prescription for the transportation services?	Yes , you need a prescription from your treating physician or a physician extender, such as a nurse practitioner or physician assistant.	No
Does my Cal MediConnect plan need to authorize the transportation services?	Yes , but authorization can be for a maximum of 12 months and renewed if needed. Except when transferring from an acute care hospital to a skilled nursing facility or other care facility.	Yes , but authorization can be for 12 months and renewed if needed.

<p>Does it include transportation of the sick, invalid, convalescent, infirmed, or otherwise incapacitated members in specialized vehicles?</p>	<p>Yes, transportation provided by ambulance, litter van, wheelchair van medical transportation, and by air under specific conditions are included, and required under certain circumstances.</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Does it include transportation by passenger car, taxicab, or any other form of public or private transportation?</p>	<p>No.</p>	<p>Yes, transportation must be the lowest cost type of NMT adequate for the member's needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round trip transportation is available for medically necessary covered and non-covered services and • Covers cost for member and one attendant
<p>Does it include transportation to non-covered medically necessary services?</p>	<p>No, but the plan must help refer and coordinate for those services.</p>	<p>Yes, the plan must provide NMT for those services.</p>