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MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** QUEST Integration (QI) Health Plans  
All Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration Home and Community-Based (HCBS)  
Transportation Brokers and Providers

**FROM:** Meredith Nichols *MN*  
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**SUBJECT:** TRANSPORTATION GUIDANCE: SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION HOME AND  
COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES (HCBS) NON-MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION (NMT)  
UPDATE

### Introduction

The Med-QUEST Division (MQD) is updating the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code modifiers to be used for Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) authorized and coordinated by Quest Integration (QI) Health Plans under the Section 1115 Demonstration Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) programs.<sup>1</sup> These HCBS NMT services are intended to support individuals in accessing community services, activities, and resources that are specified in a member's HCBS care plan. In accordance with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) expenditure reporting requirements, the updated modifiers will allow Section 1115 HCBS NMT to be tracked separately from other transportation benefits, such as

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.medicare.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demonstrations/downloads/hi-quest-int-dmstn-aprvl-01082025.pdf>

non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT), which are currently billed using the same HCPCS codes.

The scope of this guidance is only to update billing practices for NMT within the Section 1115 Demonstration HCBS program. There are no changes to Section 1115 HCBS NMT operational standards, service requirements, or reimbursement methodologies. This guidance does *not* apply to the following:

- Any other transportation services for members, including for NMT provided in relation to HCBS benefits authorized under Section 1915(c) Waiver authority for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD).
- Services where NMT is included in the rate (e.g., Adult Day Health, Discovery and Career Planning (DCP), and Community Learning Services (CLS)). Health plans must have mechanisms in place to prevent duplicate billing for the NMT service. Providers cannot be paid separately for a specific NMT ride if transportation is already included in the provider rate.
- Transportation for members living in a residential care setting or a Community Care Foster Family Home (CCFFH). These members are not eligible for this service.

**Section 1115 Demonstration HCBS NMT Billing Guidance**

Table 1 describes the HCPCS codes to be used for Section 1115 HCBS NMT. These HCPCS codes are specific to Section 1115 HCBS NMT and denote whether transportation is being provided *to* a destination or *from* a destination described in the member's care plan. For ground transportation, A0100 should be used as the base code and S0215 should be used as a mileage code to track the number of miles of transportation provided (1 unit = 1 mile). If a stretcher van or a wheelchair van is required, the appropriate code (A0120 or A0130) should also be used in addition to the base and mileage codes for the trip.

*Table 1: Section 1115 HCBS NMT Billing Codes and Modifiers*

<b>Service Category</b>	<b>HCPCS Code</b>	<b>NMT “To” Modifier</b>	<b>NMT “From” Modifier</b>
<i>Taxi</i> ; Non-Emergency Transportation	A0100	U7	U8
<i>Stretcher Van</i> ; Non-Emergency Transportation	A0120	U7	U8
<i>Wheelchair Van</i> ; Non-Emergency Transportation	A0130	U7	U8
<i>Mileage, per mile</i> ; Non-Emergency Transportation	S0215	U7	U8

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