




Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Guide

For Arkansas Medical Members



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Ride!*

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Our Mission

To provide transportation management solutions that deliver the highest levels of quality and satisfaction to our consumers, while offering exceptional value, performance, and responsiveness to our contracting agencies.

Arkansas Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation Program at a Glance

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) is provided to Arkansas Medicaid members who require transportation assistance to Medicaid-billable healthcare services and have no other means of transportation.

Verida provides this service to Arkansas Medicaid members who live in counties located in Regions A, B, C, D, and G. (see map on page 3)



This is a shared-ride service. Therefore, you may be riding with other passengers picked up at or near your pick-up location.

If you require extra assistance for a medical reason, you may request one adult escort to accompany you. Your escort **MUST** be present at your pick-up and drop-off location. **Escorts MUST be requested when scheduling the appointment.**



Transportation services are available in your home community. Travel outside your home community is available only when you need specialized services that are not available within your community.



Call Verida to arrange transportation services to covered medical appointments at least 2 business days in advance of the appointment date. You can schedule trips up to 30 days in advance (business days do not include Saturday, Sunday, and approved state holidays).

Please have the following information ready for the Customer Service Representative when you call:

- Your full name, phone number, address, date of birth, and COUNTY of residence
- Your Medicaid number as it appears on your Arkansas Medicaid Card
- An emergency contact's name and phone number
- Specify any special needs (oxygen, escort) when scheduling



As an option, you can schedule your trips using our member portal. Scan QR code to go to Member Portal now.



A map of Texas divided into six regions, each labeled in a dark blue oval. The counties are color-coded: Region A (dark blue), Region B (medium blue), Region C (light blue), Region D (very light blue), Region E (lightest blue), and Region F (light blue). The regions are defined as follows:

- Region A:** Benton, Carroll, Boone, Baxter, Fulton, Randolph, Clay, Marion, Izard, Sharp, Lawrence, Greene, Washington, Madison, Newton, Searcy, Stone, Independence, Craighead, Mississippi.
- Region B:** Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Van Buren, Jackson, Poinsett, Pope, Conway, Cleburne, Cross, Crittenden, Faulkner, White, Woodruff, St. Francis, Lee, Phillips, Monroe, Arkansas, Jefferson, Grant, Dallas, Cleveland, Lincoln, Desha, Drew, Ashley, Chicot, Union, Columbia, Lafayette, Hempstead, Nevada, Ouachita, Calhoun, Bradley, Miller, Polk, Montgomery, Garland, Saline, Hot Spring, Pike, Clark, Howard, Sevier, Little River.
- Region C:** (No counties listed in this region on the map).
- Region D:** (No counties listed in this region on the map).
- Region E:** (No counties listed in this region on the map).
- Region F:** (No counties listed in this region on the map).





Helpful Hints for Members

- *If you are able to use Public Transportation to your medical appointment, Verida will provide you with a pass for the trip. Please let us know when scheduling your transportation.*
- *If you haven't heard from your provider within 30 minutes of notification, please call us toll free at 855-325-7586, option 2.*
- *You should be prepared to share your ride with others and make multiple stops during your transport.*
- *Be patient, traffic and weather can delay your provider.*
- *You are only able to carry one bag onto the vehicle; bag must fit in your lap...no exceptions.*

Making Transportation Arrangements for Members (Cont.)

Please have the following destination information available..

The address, phone number, and name of your doctor and the medical facility where you are being transported

- Your mobility status (walking, wheelchair, BLS/ALS ambulance)**
- Your room number (for BLS/ALS only)
- An emergency contact's name and phone number

****** *You will not be allowed to remain on the transportation provider's stretcher while receiving treatment. The transportation provider must leave you at your appointment destination and will return when you notify them that you are ready for return transportation.*

Not Ready or Unable to Attend an Appointment

- If you are not ready upon driver's arrival, driver will only wait 15 minutes.
- If you are unable to attend your appointment, please cancel by calling Verida **BEFORE** the pick-up time.
- You **MUST CALL** the call center after your appointment is complete to **REQUEST PICK-UP**. Provider has **ONE HOUR** from pick-up request time to return to your location.



Transportation Provider Standards

- Drivers should be wearing an ID badge.
- Transportation vehicles should be marked with their company name.
- Transportation is considered on time if you arrive within 15 minutes of your appointment time.
- When picking-up, drivers are only authorized to wait 10 minutes.
- Provider has one hour from your "I am ready to return home" call to pick you up.
- Drivers must transport safely and follow all traffic laws.

If the provider fails to meet any of these standards please contact us.

Key Contact Information:

To talk to someone about your transportation experience, please contact:

Toll-Free Reservation Line

Region A: **1-888-833-4136**

Region B: **1-888-833-4128**

Region C: **1-888-833-4130**

Region D: **1-888-822-6155**

Region G: **1-888-833-4135**

Customer Service - **press option 1**

Where's My Ride - **press option 2**

Spanish - **press option 9**



The Verida Team

While Verida strives to provide the highest level of service possible, we realize unforeseen things can happen. Contact us should you have any questions.





At Our Core

Verida believes in building a better service for you...results:

**Member
Focused**

**Forward
Thinking**

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What if the vehicle is more than 15 minutes late?

A. Call the Call Center Toll-Free at 855-325-7586; choose option 1 and then option 2 to speak with a dispatcher.

Q. What is Urgent Care?

A. The Broker shall arrange transportation services when you request services for urgent care and has no other means of appropriate transportation. Urgent care, for the purpose of this Contract, is defined as an unscheduled episodic situation, in which there is no immediate threat to life or limb, but you must be seen on the day of the request and treatment cannot be delayed until the next day.

The Broker may verify with the direct provider of service that the need for urgent care exists. Hospital discharges shall be considered as urgent care.

The requirements of this subsection shall also apply to appointments established by medical care providers allowing insufficient time for routine three (3) day scheduling. Valid requests for urgent care transports shall be honored within three (3) hours of the time the request is made.

