

# Provider Update

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## Daily supported community living and transportation services with the Intellectual Disability Waiver

**Summary of update:** Amerigroup Iowa, Inc. is providing additional clarification and reminders regarding the expectation of transportation while providing daily supported community living (SCL) services under the Intellectual Disability Waiver (IDW).

Transportation is not separately reimbursable when home- and community-based services IDW daily SCL service is authorized in a member's service plan.

### Background information

Transportation reimbursement for members receiving daily SCL service changed on December 1, 2017, with the implementation of the IDW tiered rates. *Iowa Administrative Code 441-78.41(11)* states transportation services may be provided for members to conduct business errands and essential shopping, to travel to and from work or day programs, and to reduce social isolation. A unit of service is one mile of transportation or one one-way trip.

Tiered rate reimbursement for daily SCL includes the cost of all transportation unless paid through the nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) state plan benefit or the local school system for members accessing residential-based supported community living (RBSC) services.

### What is the impact of this?

- Transportation can no longer be billed separately for members receiving daily SCL.
- Each member's Interdisciplinary Team should determine their individual transportation needs.
- All transportation identified in the member's service plan is required to be paid by the provider. This includes transportation services employed for the uses defined above per *Iowa Administrative Code 441-78.41(11)*.
- It is the responsibility of the SCL provider to pay for the cost of public transportation (including, but not limited to paratransit, bus passes and bus tokens) for the uses defined above per *Iowa Administrative Code 441-78.41(11)*.

### What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.

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