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# WISCONSIN MEDICAID UPDATE

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TO:

Chiropractors  
Dentists  
Family Planning Clinics  
HealthCheck Agencies  
Opticians  
Optometrists  
Podiatrists

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## Prescriptions For Specialized Medical Vehicle (SMV) Trips - Effective June 1, 1995

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### Wisconsin Medicaid Transportation Covered Services

Wisconsin Medicaid covers necessary transportation to and from Wisconsin Medicaid-covered services. County human services departments and tribal agencies approve and pay for common carrier transportation by car, bus, or taxi. Wisconsin Medicaid covers SMV transportation for recipients who are temporarily or indefinitely physically or mentally disabled with conditions that contraindicate common carrier transportation. A physician, physician assistant, nurse midwife, or nurse practitioner must complete a Physician Certification Form certifying the disability for recipients to use SMV transportation.

### Prescriptions Now Required For Trips That Exceed Upper Mileage Limits

In order to reduce the costly and inappropriate use of SMVs by recipients, the Legislature adopted changes in HSS 107.23, Wis. Admin. Code, effective December 1, 1994. One of the changes affects chiropractors, dentists, family planning clinics, HealthCheck agencies, opticians, optometrists, and podiatrists.

Effective June 1, 1995, Wisconsin Medicaid requires a prescription for SMV trips that exceed established one-way upper mileage limits (except for hospital or

nursing home discharges). Recipients will no longer be provided trips to distant medical services without a prescription. If you refer a recipient who needs SMV transportation to a medical service that you suspect is farther away than the Wisconsin Medicaid one-way upper mileage limits, write a prescription for the recipient to show the SMV provider.

SMV providers cannot transport recipients to health care services beyond the upper mileage limits without a prescription. SMV providers need the prescription to get prior authorization to exceed upper mileage limits.

Wisconsin Medicaid one-way upper mileage limits are:

- ◆ **40 miles**, if the trip originates in one of these urban counties:

Brown	Dane	Fond du Lac
Kenosha	LaCrosse	Manitowoc
Milwaukee	Outagamie	Sheboygan
Racine	Rock	Winnebago

- ◆ **70 miles**, if the trip originates in *any other* Wisconsin county.

The prescription must include the name of the provider receiving the referral, the city where the provider is located, the service required, and the amount of time the

recipient needs transportation. Indicate the duration of the prescription in days, not to exceed 365 days.

Here is an example of an SMV trip prescription:

<b>Anytown Clinic</b> 1 W. Wilson Anytown, WI 55555	
Name	<u>J. Th. Recipient</u>
Address	<u>609 Willow, Anytown, WI 55555</u>
Rx	Dental Surgery Center, Green Bay Oral Surgery 3 Days
Prescriber's Signature	<u>J. Th. Referring, D.D.S.</u> Date <u>6/1/95</u>

Providers who may refer recipients and write SMV prescriptions for extended mileage trips are: physicians, physician assistants, nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, dentists, optometrists, opticians, chiropractors, podiatrists, HealthCheck agencies, and family planning clinics.