



Reimbursement Guide

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Language and format support

English

You can get this in other languages, large print, braille or a format you prefer. You can also ask for an interpreter. This help is free. Call 855-321-4899 or TTY 711. We accept relay calls. You can get help from a certified and qualified health care interpreter.

Spanish

Puede obtener este documento en otros idiomas, en letra grande, braille o en un formato que usted prefiera. También puede recibir los servicios de un intérprete. Esta ayuda es gratuita. Llame al servicio de atención al cliente 855-321-4899 o TTY 711. Aceptamos todas las llamadas de retransmisión. Usted puede obtener ayuda de un intérprete certificado y calificado en atención de salud.

Arabic

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Simplified Chinese

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4899 或 TTY 711。我们会接听所有的转接来电。您可以从经过认证且合格的医疗口语翻译人员那里获得帮助。

Traditional Chinese

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Russian

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Somali

Waxaad heli kartaa warqadan oo ku qoran luqaddo kale, far waaweyn, farta dadka indhaha aan qabin wax ku akhriyaan ee Braille ama qaabka aad doorbidayso. Waxaad sidoo kale codsan kartaa turjubaan. Taageeradani waa lacag la'aan. Wac 855-321-4899 ama TTY 711. Waa aqbalnaa wicitaanada gudbinta. Waxaad caawimaad ka heli kartaa turjubaanka daryeelka caafimaadka oo xirfad leh isla markaana la aqoonsan yahay.

Vietnamese

Quý vị có thể nhận tài liệu này bằng một ngôn ngữ khác, theo định dạng chữ in lớn, chữ nổi Braille hoặc một định dạng khác theo ý muốn. Quý vị cũng có thể yêu cầu được thông dịch viên hỗ trợ. Sự trợ giúp này là miễn phí. Gọi 855-321-4899 hoặc TTY (Đường dây Dành cho Người Khiếm thính hoặc Khuyết tật về Phát âm) 711. Chúng tôi chấp nhận các cuộc gọi chuyển tiếp. Quý vị có thể nhận được sự giúp đỡ từ một thông dịch viên có chứng nhận và đủ tiêu chuẩn chuyên về chăm sóc sức khỏe.

Contact information and office hours

Call us

Portland metro area: 503-416-3955

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TTY: 711

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Office hours

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Program overview

Health Share of Oregon provides Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members a non-emergent medical transportation (NEMT) benefit. Do you need help getting to non-emergency medical, dental and mental health visits? This benefit can assist with that.

We offer three types of help with transportation: public transit; reimbursement; and vehicle-provided rides. This guide explains reimbursement.

Reimbursement

We reimburse, or pay you, a per-mile rate after you drive to a health care appointment that we approve in advance. We also pay this rate when you get a ride from a friend or relative.

We may also reimburse for travel expenses for eligible health care services outside of Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties. This is called “out of area.”

We must approve an out-of-area trip before you go to the appointment. In some cases, you may qualify for help with mileage, meals and lodging.

Ride Connection

We work with a partner, Ride Connection, to handle travel approvals and reimbursements for our members.

This guide explains some of the rules and steps you must follow to take part in the reimbursement program. The rules are fully explained in “Member Reimbursed Mileage, Meals, and Lodging” in the Oregon Administrative Rules: link.careoregon.org/reimbursement-oar

You can view the full set of “Medical Transportation Services” rules at your Department of Human Services (DHS) office or on the Secretary of State website: link.careoregon.org/transportation-oar

The rules that relate to non-emergent medical transportation (NEMT) are OAR 410-141-3920 through 410-141-3965.

Step 1: Get a Focus card

The first time you request reimbursement, we will create your account for a Focus card. A U.S. Bank Focus Card® is a U.S. Bank pre-paid debit card. You can use it wherever Visa® is accepted. We will mail you your card. It could take seven to 10 business days to arrive.

The Focus card will come in an unmarked envelope from U.S. Bank. It may look like it is junk mail, so please watch for it.

Keep your Focus card safe. We will reload this same card for future reimbursements.

Before you use your card, you will need to activate it (start it up). Instructions are sent with the card.

For more information about the Focus card, see page 11.

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Step 2: Call us at Ride to Care to schedule your trip

If you or someone you know can drive you to your health care appointments, Ride to Care can reimburse you for that mileage.

It's important to plan ahead for your reimbursement. Whenever possible, call at least two business days before your appointment. You may call up to 90 days before your appointment. We must approve your trip before you go.

When you call us, please be ready with this information:

- Date and time of your appointment.
- Name, address and phone number of the provider you're seeing.
- Purpose of the visit.
- Type of funds you are requesting: mileage, meals, lodging. You must request help with meals and lodging, if needed, at the same time as you ask for your trip to be scheduled.
- Personal attendant details, if you require one.

Note: You have the right to request a same-day or next-day trip.

Step 3: Get reimbursed

We will load your reimbursement funds onto a Focus card. We will do this within 14 calendar days after your appointment.

About mileage reimbursement

When someone else drives you to and from appointments, we pay **you** the reimbursement funds. You're responsible for giving the money to the person who gave you the ride.

The mileage reimbursement rate is 67 cents per mile. We determine mileage using the distance from your starting address to your appointment, and then back to your starting location.

After your appointment, you may have to go to a location other than your starting address. Please let the call representative know. We may be able to accommodate your request.

You will be reimbursed for the shortest, most appropriate route to and from your appointment. This may not be the same as the route you traveled.

About meal reimbursement

At some point, you may need a Health Share-covered service that is not available within Multnomah, Clackamas or Washington counties. This is called "out of area."

In some cases, we may be able to provide meal stipends for out-of-area health services. A stipend or allowance is a certain dollar amount to help you cover your expenses.

We may offer stipends for meals if your out-of-area health care:

- Includes travel of more than 30 minutes or 30 miles (if you live in an urban area).

- Includes travel of more than 60 minutes or 60 miles (if you live in a rural area).
- Takes four or more hours for the full round-trip travel time.

Meals are reimbursed at these rates for members (and attendants, if applicable):

- Breakfast (\$11): Travel begins before 6 a.m.
- Lunch (\$11): Travel spans the entire period from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Dinner (\$11): Travel ends after 6:30 p.m.

The meal stipends are a set amount. You do not need to give us receipts for a meal.

Note: You must let us know when you call in to request a ride or mileage reimbursement that you would like help with meal costs. If you are going to a facility that gives you meals, you are not eligible for a meal stipend.

About lodging reimbursement

We may be able to help with lodging costs when you need out-of-area health care services.

The lodging allowance is \$98 per night. We reimburse lodging for attendants only if they have a separate room from you. You are responsible for any costs over \$98. Please plan accordingly if you are approved for lodging reimbursement.

To be eligible for lodging reimbursement:

- You must start traveling before 5 a.m. to make your appointment, or you would return home from your appointment later than 9 p.m.

OR

- Your provider must inform us, in writing, that you have a medical need.
- In either case, you must provide the name and address of the place where you will be staying.

To estimate your travel time and mileage between your home and your appointment, we use online map programs like Google Maps and MapQuest.

To receive lodging reimbursement:

- You must mail a copy of the receipt from your lodging. Please keep the original receipt.
- We must receive your receipt within 45 calendar days of your appointment.
- The name of the member going to the appointment must be on the receipt.

If you stay with a friend or family member who lives close to your out-of-area appointment:

- We may reimburse you for up to 20 miles, each way, from their home to your appointment.
- We will not reimburse you for lodging.
- When you call us to ask for this type of mileage reimbursement, we will need the address of where you will stay.

About out-of-area trips

We have a process for reviewing requests for travel expenses for health care appointments outside of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties.

As soon as you schedule a health care appointment that is out of the area, please call Ride to Care to give us time to review your request. We will first check if it is medically appropriate to go outside of the service area for your care.

If we approve your out-of-area appointment, we then need time to schedule the necessary pieces of your trip.

Reimbursement checklist

- Get approval from us before you travel. Please call at least two business days before your health care appointment to request funds for mileage, meals or lodging. You may schedule up to 90 days in advance.
- If we gave you advance approval for lodging, make sure we receive a copy of your lodging receipt within 45 calendar days of your appointment. Keep the original receipts.

Reimbursement funds

As mentioned in Step 1, we use the Focus card, offered through U.S. Bank, to reimburse members after appointments.

Within 14 calendar days of your appointment, funds will be loaded onto your Focus card. We will add reimbursements to your Focus card after the amount due has reached \$10 or more.

Want to check the dollar amount on your Focus card? Here are two ways:

- Call the Focus card Customer Service line toll-free at 877-474-0010
- Visit the Focus card website: usbankfocus.com

If you need a reimbursement method other than a Focus card, please contact Ride to Care and ask for an accommodation.

Foster parents and children

Because children in foster care may move frequently between foster homes, foster parents are able to receive mileage reimbursement by check instead of the Focus card. Please follow the same process in asking for mileage reimbursement.

The check will be made payable to the foster parent or another designated person who provides the transportation.

Common questions

Q: I am the parent or guardian of a minor (0 to 17 years). Am I eligible for mileage, meals and lodging when I travel with them for covered medical services?

A: Yes. As the parent or guardian of a minor, you may receive mileage, meals and lodging funds for you and your child when you travel together to your child's appointments.

Q: How often are payments processed?

A: Reimbursement requests for mileage, meals and lodging are processed weekly. Payments are made after we confirm the visit and receive any required receipts.

Q: When should I expect payments?

A: Expect to receive your funds no later than 14 calendar days after your appointment. However, if your reimbursement is less than \$10, we may wait until you are due at least \$10.

Q: Do I need to provide receipts for my approved meals?

A: No. After your appointments have been verified, your meal stipend will be processed and loaded onto your Focus card.

Q: What if I lose my Focus card?

A: Call us and ask for a new card if your card is lost, damaged or stolen. We will order a new card for you.

Q: Who do I ask if I have more questions?

A: Ride to Care! Call us at 503-416-3955 or toll-free at 855-321-4899. TTY 711. Our business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Q: What if I have an urgent appointment and cannot call Ride to Care before I go?

A: Ride to Care knows that appointments can come up on short notice. If you cannot schedule your trip in advance, we may be able to reimburse you afterward. Call Ride to Care within 45 days of your appointment and

we may reimburse you for your trip. Ride to Care reviews these requests on a case-by-case basis. We may not be able to approve your request. Scheduling trips after the fact will also delay your reimbursement. Please schedule your trips ahead of time to reliably get your reimbursement.



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