

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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December 1, 2022

No-Load Miles (Deadhead) Reimbursement Rate for Minnesota Health Care Programs Subscribers

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) has approved a reimbursement change for deadhead mileage billed on eligible transportation claims for Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) subscribers, effective January 1, 2023. Deadhead mileage will be reimbursed by Blue Plus at \$.75 per mile.

Deadhead Mileage Approval

Medical transportation miles driven without the MHCP Subscriber in the vehicle is considered deadhead mileage. Deadhead mileage may be covered on a case-by-case basis and must be pre-approved by BlueRide staff. Authorization must be requested prior to the non-emergency medical ride being provided. BlueRide reserves the right to work with the most cost-effective form of transportation.

Billing Deadhead Mileage

Deadhead mileage must be billed on a separate line from the actual loaded miles using the mileage code with TP modifier. The miles will equal the units of service (1 approved deadhead mile = 1 unit of service).

Products Impacted

This notice applies to the following MHCP products:

- Blue Advantage Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP)
- Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)
- MinnesotaCare
- SecureBlue (MSHO)

Questions?

Please contact provider services at **1-866-518-8448**.