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IHCP provides billing guidance for attendant care transportation options

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) announced on April 1, 2021, in *IHCP Bulletin BT202127* that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved increased flexibility to allow Aged and Disabled (A&D) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) waiver attendant care providers to bill for the time they provide services during trips and appointment visits.

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2021, for dates of receipt on or after May 8, 2021, agency and nonagency attendant care providers must add modifier UC to claims for services associated with medical attendant care trips and appointments. The rates will be the same as other attendant care services performed by agencies and nonagencies. Authorized dollars for attendant care services will be used for medical transportation attendant care. Providers will not see separately approved dollars on the Notice of Action (NOA) for attendant care for medical transportation with the UC modifier. This will grant members the flexibility in determining how to use the approved amounts for attendant care services. See Table 1 for the codes.



Table 1- Attendant care medical transportation, effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2021

Service	Procedure code	Mod 1	Mod 2	Mod 3	Desc Proc Mod	A&D and TBI rates	Notes
Attendant Care (Agency)	S5125	U7	UA	UC	U7=Waiver UA=Agency UC= Medical Transportation	\$5.82	Per 15 minutes
Attendant Care (Nonagency)	S5125	U7	UC		U7=Waiver UC= Medical Transportation	\$4.05	Per 15 minutes

Attendant care providers rendering services for medical transportation trips and appointments are not subject to electronic visit verification (EVV). Because attendant care for medical transportation is performed in the community, EVV is not necessary when these services are billed with modifier UC. Providers should not add modifier UC to claims with the exclusive purpose to bypass EVV requirements.

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