

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation



How do I file a complaint or ask for a fair hearing?

Non-emergency medical transportation is a service that can help you get to health care appointments if you have no other way to get there. This service connects you with free rides on public buses, specialized medical vehicles, or other types of vehicles depending on your needs.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus contracts with a transportation manager that schedules and pays for rides to health care services covered by Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus. The current transportation manager for Wisconsin is Medical Transportation Management (MTM), Inc.

➔ If you have a medical emergency, you should call 911.

Complaints

You or your chosen representative can make complaints to the transportation manager about the service you received. Complaints may be about things like having a hard time getting a ride, long waiting times, or drivers who are late to pick you up. The transportation manager cannot help you with a problem until you file a complaint.

➔ To file a complaint, you or your chosen representative can:

- Log a complaint online at www.mtm-inc.net/wisconsin/
- Call 866-907-1493 (voice) or 711 (TTY)
- Write to the transportation manager at:
MTM Quality Assurance
8383 Greenway Blvd Suite 400
Middleton, WI 53562
- Email QM@mtm-inc.net

When filing a complaint, you must have your ForwardHealth ID number, name, and date of service.

After receiving your complaint, the transportation manager will mail you a response within 10 business days. If your complaint is not resolved within 10 business days, you will be mailed a final response within 30 business days of receiving your complaint.

If the transportation manager needs more than 30 business days to resolve your complaint, they will mail you a letter telling you that they will resolve your complaint within 14 business days. If you are not happy with how your complaint was resolved, your response letter will explain what next steps you can take.



Denied services

Sometimes, a request for a transportation service is denied. For example, you may have been denied a ride or payment for meals or overnight stays.

If you are on the phone scheduling your ride and your request is denied, you can ask to be transferred to an independent reviewer regarding your case for reconsideration.



If you were denied a transportation service by the transportation manager and you do not think it should have been denied, you have several options to request additional review. You can:

- Request a review from an independent reviewer when you are on the phone to schedule a ride.
- Appeal with the transportation manager's member ombuds.
- File a fair hearing request with the Division of Hearings and Appeals.



Appealing to the member ombuds is optional, but it may be the fastest way to resolve your denial. You may be able to come to an agreement without having to wait for a fair hearing.

Appeals with the transportation member ombuds

If you file a complaint and are unhappy with the decision, you can appeal with the member ombuds. Instructions for how to request an appeal will be included in the letter you receive.

If you request an appeal, the transportation manager will send you a letter within 10 business days, even if the appeal is not resolved.

If the appeal is not resolved within 10 business days, the transportation manager will send you a final letter after a decision has been made. The appeal process will not take more than 45 days.

If you disagree with the decision made by the member ombuds, your appeal letter will tell you what additional options you have.

If you still disagree, you can request a fair hearing with the Division of Hearing and Appeals.

Fair hearings

You can request a fair hearing any time after a service is denied. If you would like to request a fair hearing with the Division of Hearings and Appeals, you must submit your request within 45 days of the date on your denial letter.



To request a fair hearing with the Division of Hearings and Appeals, complete the Request for Fair Hearing form and send it to:

Department of Administration
Division of Hearings and Appeals
PO Box 7875
Madison WI 53707-7875

You can get the Request for Fair Hearing form online at www.dhs.wi.gov/forwardhealth/resources.htm or by calling 608-266-3096.



You can also choose to write a letter to the Division of Hearings and Appeals in place of the form. Your letter should include:

- Your name
- Your mailing address
- A brief description of the problem
- The name of the agency that took the action or denied the service
- Your Social Security number
- Your signature

If you need help with asking for a fair hearing, please call 800-362-3002.

Learn more

For more information about scheduling rides, meals and lodging, complaints, new rules, denied transportation, or fair hearings:

- Visit www.mtm-inc.net/wisconsin/ or call 866-907-1493 (voice) or 711 (TTY).
- See your ForwardHealth Enrollment and Benefits handbook, P-00079 (dhs.wi.gov/library/collection/p-00079).
- See your Member Updates at dhs.wi.gov/forwardhealth/resources.htm.
- Call Member Services at 800-362-3002.

