

ALERT: Claims for Loaded Mileage Affecting Medicaid Transportation Providers Effective August 1, 2019

The information contained in this alert was previously published in the May 2019 Medicaid Update. This ALERT serves as a reminder that effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2019, claims for loaded mileage must be reported as fractional units, to the **tenth of a mile**.

Rounding mileage units up to the nearest whole number is **not** allowed for claims with dates of service on or after August 1, 2019. Rounded up claims may be deemed fraudulent and therefore subject to any recoveries and associated penalties by enforcement agencies.

Transportation providers who are unable to comply with the August 1, 2019 fractional mileage reporting requirement, due to software limitations or other reasons, may round mileage units **down** to the nearest lowest whole number.

Please note that for trips with mileage totaling less than 1 mile, do **not** enter a "0" before the decimal point. For example, if an enrollee was transported 9/10ths of a mile, the correct mileage unit entry would be ".9".

As always, the Medicaid program will only reimburse transportation providers for "loaded" miles. Loaded miles are those miles, during which an enrollee occupies the vehicle.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Medicaid Transportation at medtrans@health.ny.gov.

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