



STATE OF WISCONSIN
Division of Hearings and Appeals

In the Matter of



DECISION
Case #: MGE - 175842

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

Pursuant to a petition filed July 28, 2016, under Wis. Stat., §49.45(5), to review a decision by the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability (DHCAA) regarding Medical Assistance (MA) transportation reimbursement, a hearing was held on August 18, 2016, by telephone.

The issue for determination is whether how the agency determines transportation mileage.

PARTIES IN INTEREST:

Petitioner:



Respondent:

Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street, Room 651
Madison, WI 53703

By: [Redacted]
Division of Health Care Access and Accountability

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Brian C. Schneider
Division of Hearings and Appeals

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioner (CARES # [Redacted]) is a resident of Milwaukee County who receives MA.
2. Petitioner receives reimbursement for mileage for transportation to medical appointments. The state agency handles mileage reimbursement.
3. Petitioner noted that on a trip to the doctor the mileage one way came out to be 9.63 miles by was 9.77 miles for the return trip. He contacted the agency about the discrepancy but did not receive a suitable answer, so he filed this appeal.

4. The agency uses a GPS-type system for mileage. It is not unusual for slight variations in trips to facilities versus trips home. Because of the variations the agency always rounds up, so in the instance discussed above petitioner would have been reimbursed for 10 miles each way.

DISCUSSION

Wis. Stat., §49.46(2)(b)3 provides that MA will pay for transportation to medical providers if approved beforehand. Petitioner regularly receives reimbursement for such trips.

Petitioner filed this appeal because of discrepancies between mileage distances calculated by the transportation agency. Mr. [REDACTED] explained the system as described in Finding of Fact no. 4. The main point is that distances are rounded up specifically because of the discrepancies in the system.

At this point petitioner is unable to point to any specific errors in mileage reimbursement calculations. I told him that if he found any discrepancies he could point them out to the agency and perhaps file another appeal if he is unsatisfied with the result. I will dismiss this appeal because petitioner's question was answered.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Transportation reimbursement is based upon rounded-up mileage numbers to account for discrepancies in trip distances.

THEREFORE, it is ORDERED

That the petition for review is hereby dismissed.

REQUEST FOR A REHEARING

You may request a rehearing if you think this decision is based on a serious mistake in the facts or the law or if you have found new evidence that would change the decision. Your request must be **received within 20 days after the date of this decision**. Late requests cannot be granted.

Send your request for rehearing in writing to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400 **and** to those identified in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST." Your rehearing request must explain what mistake the Administrative Law Judge made and why it is important or you must describe your new evidence and explain why you did not have it at your first hearing. If your request does not explain these things, it will be denied.

The process for requesting a rehearing may be found at Wis. Stat. § 227.49. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

APPEAL TO COURT

You may also appeal this decision to Circuit Court in the county where you live. Appeals must be filed with the Court **and** served either personally or by certified mail on the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, 1 West Wilson Street, Room 651, **and** on those identified in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST" **no more than 30 days after the date of this decision** or 30 days after a denial of a timely rehearing (if you request one).

The process for Circuit Court Appeals may be found at Wis. Stat. §§ 227.52 and 227.53. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

Given under my hand at the City of Madison,
Wisconsin, this 22nd day of August, 2016

\s _____
Brian C. Schneider
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Hearings and Appeals



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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on August 22, 2016.

Division of Health Care Access and Accountability

