Georgians in the Driver’s Seat: A Grassroots Approach to Reducing Transportation-Related Barriers to Care for Georgians Covered by Medicaid
What is NEMT?

Non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) is a required Medicaid benefit that provides transportation to and from health care appointments that are for non-medical emergencies.
What is Considered a "Non-Medical Emergency"?

- Doctor’s appointments
- Body scans
- Therapies
- Pharmacy
- Dialysis
Why is NEMT important?

NEMT is a benefit to the health of low-income people as well as individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities.
Let's Look at the Data!
THE FACTS

3,721,528
Total Trips

1,388,622
Medicaid Population

28.56%
Medicaid Population Using NEMT Services
Additional Data

Let’s Break it Down . . .

9.38
Average number of trips per rider

5 Regions
Central, East, Southwest, North, Atlanta

2 Brokers
LogistiCare
Southeasttrans

396,659
Number of unduplicated riders

158
COUNTIES
Central: 26
East: 47
Southwest: 48
North: 34
Atlanta: 3
What are the Threats?

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has indicated that they will propose a regulation

- Propose regulation to allow NEMT to be an optional state Medicaid benefit
- States could amend their State Plan and regulations to eliminate the benefit.
What’s Next?
What Can I Do?

**Advocacy**
- Inform community!
- [Contact Your Legislator](#)
- Advocacy Day at Capitol ([find calendar](#))
- Write letter (see sample letter in packet)

**Training**
- Lift Up Your Voice!
- Find a training around the State and attend
- Inform others about training
- Host your own community event!
Find Legislators

1. Visit openstates.org

2. Type in address

3. Learn
Advocacy Day at Capitol

Typical Advocacy Day Agenda
8:15 AM – Kick off at the Central Presbyterian Church (across from the Georgia State Capitol) 201 Washington St SW, Atlanta, GA 30334
8:15 AM – 8:30 AM – Arrival & Registration
8:30 AM – Breakfast is served!
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – Advocacy Day Orientation
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM – Walk over from the church to the Gold Dome (Georgia State Capitol)
10:15 AM – 12:15 PM – Visit with Legislators “at the Ropes”
How to Find State Legislators and NEMT Broker

State Legislator

Click here!

NEMT Broker

Click here!
How to Find Your Representatives

1. Visit house.gov
2. Type in zip code
3. Learn
How to Find NEMT Broker

There are two NEMT Brokers in Georgia

1. Go to Medicaid.georgia.gov
2. Select “Programs”
3. Select “All Programs”
4. Select “Non-Emergency Medical Transportation”
5. List of Brokers at bottom of page
Take the Survey
We Need Your Help!

We Want to Hear From You!

If you have a story and wish to share, please contact Alyssa Green, MPA with Georgians for a Healthy Future

Help Spread the Word!

If you are interested in learning more OR, wish to host your own community event, please contact Elizabeth Snarey, MSW with The Arc Georgia
Thank you!