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### General Guidelines

When purchasing transportation, the regional center is required to purchase the least costly alternative that meets the needs of the client. If the transportation is to and from a day program, cost is defined by combining the transportation and program costs. One time taxi requests, such as may be required for an urgent medical appointment, are not considered exceptions to this policy and may be arranged by the service coordinator with the approval of the regional manager.

### Children

Transportation to a public school program or non-public school funded program is the responsibility of the local education agency. The regional center does not fund transportation to a public school program or non-public school funded program. Arranging for and providing transportation for a child to and from activities and appointments is the responsibility of the parents or caregiver. If the family does not have access to private transportation, they are expected to use public transportation.

The regional center shall fund transportation services for a minor child living in the family home only if the family provides written documentation to the regional center sufficient to demonstrate that the family is unable to provide transportation for the child. If the family is unable to provide transportation, the regional center may purchase a bus pass for the family.

If the child's disability prevents the use of public transportation, or if the family is unable to transport the child because of illness or disability of a parent or caregiver, the Center may purchase transportation as an exception. The Center may provide the family with a bus pass, a transportation voucher, or transportation purchased from a vendored provider of that service.

## Adults

All adults will be assessed for their ability to use public transportation or paratransit. If it is determined that an individual has the capacity to learn to travel independently on public transportation or paratransit, the Regional Center may purchase travel training. If an individual is capable of traveling independently, the Center will not provide another form of transportation.

Adults who are employed either competitively or in supported employment are expected to travel to their job site independently or by using the resources of the supported employment agency.

An adult living at home who is unable to use public transportation or paratransit to attend a primary educational, training or activity program may be provided with a transportation voucher for the parents/caregiver to arrange for or provide transportation. If the family does not have access to private transportation, the Center may arrange for transportation by a provider under contract with the Center.

Residential providers are responsible for arranging for or providing transportation for their residents to all activities and appointments, including day and work activity programs. The Center provides a daily stipend to residential providers to arrange for or provide transportation to primary day programs when individuals are unable to use public transportation or paratransit. If the day program provides transportation, the residential provider is relieved of this responsibility.