

Inquiry on Medicaid riders regarding adult day health centers

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The Question: With the funding cut on Medicaid riders to adult day health, those riders are turning to public transit. Currently, we do not bill the adult day health center in our area, but the ADA does allow for us to do just that.

Do you bill adult day health facilities for the riders who go there. If so, how does it work and what is the charge.

Columbia County Public Transportation says...We do not have any adult day health facilities in our area that we would have this become an issue with.

Grays Harbor Transit says...Grays Harbors adult day health center closed due to funding cuts so we are not currently transporting in our area.

Island Transit says...we are fare free.

Jefferson Transit says....We do not.

Kitsap Transit says...We have a long standing relationship with one of our nursing homes, but not yet with adult day health facilities. We bill the nursing home for the number of rides taken in a month. We will be developing some type of simple contract with other facilities that will allow us to do the same for them. We charge them our regular fare unless the individuals are qualified for our reduced fare pass. We also do a lot of pass by mail sales.

Link Transit says...Link does not bill adult day health facilities

Mason Transit says...Mason Transit is fare free within Mason County for all users.

Pacific Transit says...This is an emergent problem. Pierce Transit does not bill the adult day health centers in our area. The centers are going to contract with the Medicaid transportation providers and pass along the \$15/day transportation money to those private providers.

Pierce Transit says...We do not bill Medicaid for transportation at this time.

Skagit Transit says...We do not bill Adult Day Health in our area either.

Spokane Transit says...We currently do not bill ADH differently than the normal rider fare for Paratransit transportation.

Twin Transit says...We were approached by the local Medicaid broker to take over their operation, but it turned out that we would have had to keep it going at a deficit – the Medicaid reimbursement did not make up for the actual trip cost. We since have had many passenger referrals from that broker. These passengers are served by our regular, fixed routes and are therefore expected to just pay the regular bus fare. At this time, and unless or until we take over the Medicaid brokerage operation, we do not bill adult care facilities.

Valley Transit says...We do not bill our adult day health facilities. Each passenger pays the fare when they board the vehicle.

Whatcom Transit says...We do not bill our adult day health program. As transit in a medium-size community, we have provided service to this program since it began. So these riders will not be new to paratransit, in fact we're likely to see a loss in ridership due to the funding cuts. Because this service falls within the regular parameters of the ADA service we provide, we have accepted it as part of our ADA obligations.

I'm not clear about the reference to the ADA in the question that "...allow[s] for us to do just that." I know of the permission to charge up to twice the regular fixed route fare. I also believe there is some provision for billing/charging more when the service provided exceeds ADA standards. But I don't recall a specific permission for billing adult day health centers. Is this a new development or have I just missed it all along?

Yakima Transit says...No