

Chapter 9: Special Needs Benefits

(iii) Child Care

(c) Transportation to and From

Intent:	To provide an overview of the additional benefits that may be available to applicants/recipients who require transportation to cover the cost of bringing their child(ren) to and from private child care.
Act: (if applicable)	N/A
Regulations:	19 (5) (a) for transportation, an amount determined by the prevailing commercial rates;
Overview: (if applicable)	N/A
Policy:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance to cover the cost of transportation to and from private child care is considered an additional employment expense and deducted from the declared earnings. • If the recipient is in a training program, the cost can be considered as a requirement and included in the Income Support benefits provided. • Transportation expenses to and from a licensed day care facility/licensed child care home can be subsidized through the Child Care Services Subsidy Program of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.
Procedure:	<p>Client Services Officer must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • include the additional transportation cost incurred by the recipient as a deduction from the earned income being reported; • if there is insufficient earned income, include the cost of the transportation as a requirement (i.e. “other transportation”) in the interim, until the declared income increases; and • if the recipient is in a training position, include the transportation as a requirement (“other transportation”). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KIV the case to ensure the transportation requirement is removed when appropriate.

Authority Level:	Client Service Manager/Regional Manager of Income & Social Supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• approve the inclusion of child care transportation as a requirement or an expense from income.
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