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Excessive Mileage

Excessive Mileage Overview

- ❖ Link to DDS Directive regarding Excessive Mileage can be found here:
 - ❖ https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/D-2025-RateReform-007_RateReformGuidance_ExcessiveMileageRateModels.pdf
- ❖ As part of California's rate reform under **W&I Code §4519.10**, this directive establishes an **additional mileage payment** for vendors using service codes **116, 117, 805, and 862** whose staff drive **more miles than assumed in state rate models**. These codes apply to:
 - ❖ Early Start Specialized Therapeutic Services (116, 117)
 - ❖ Infant Development Program (805)
 - ❖ In-Home Respite Agency Services (862)
 - ❖ The department will consider additional service codes to be added based on documented necessity.
- ❖ Recent additions as of 1/7/2026 to excessive mileage service codes include: 062, 605, 612, 615, 616, 896, and 952 with the expectation of the regional center that DDS will continue to add more service codes based on the needs of claiming excess mileage.

Effective November 1, 2025, eligible vendors may bill a **per-mile rate** covering staff time, vehicle costs, and overhead. Excess mileage will be calculated at the **vendor level**, comparing actual documented miles to the mileage funded through rate models for each staff category (e.g., specialists, assistants).

How Excessive Mileage is Determined and how do I get paid for it?

- ❖ The **Department of Developmental Services (DDS)** has provided an **Excessive Mileage Cost Calculator worksheet** to all regional centers.
 - ❖ The Excessive Mileage Cost Calculator will be distributed to all qualifying providers i.e. service providers that fall under any of the aforementioned service codes
 - ❖ SARC will also be distributing a form to capture all pertinent information and data needed from the service provider. This form will need to be submitted to the regional center before a payment is processed.
 - ❖ The regional center will verify the data provided by the service provider before payments are made
 - ❖ The regional center will issue a single monthly payment based on excess miles and per-mile rate which will appear in the service providers eBilling for excess mileage under the appropriate service code/ subcode for the reported month.

Excessive Mileage Form

- Enter the month/year for claim
- Enter vendor number/name
- Enter the appropriate service code for request
- Enter the Staff Title and appropriate Ratio for services rendered ie 1:1, 1:2, 1:3 (select options from drop down)
- Enter the appropriate subcode (refer to Subcode Reference sheet at the bottom of the workbook tabs)
- Enter the total amount of authorized hours for this service code that is associated with the staff title for excess mileage
- Enter the total mileage for the service code/subcode claimed
- Enter the calculated rate as determined by the Excessive Mileage Cost Calculator Worksheet

Excessive Mileage Cost Calculator

Worksheet for Calculating Cost of Excess Mileage	
A. Vendor ID	<input type="text"/> Enter the vendor ID
B. Regional Center	<input type="text" value="SARC"/> Select the Regional Center responsible for payment from the dropdown
C. Service Code	<input type="text"/> Select the applicable service code from the dropdown
D. Rate Variation/ Discipline	<input type="text"/> Select the applicable rate variation or discipline from the dropdown
E. Service Month and Year	<input type="text"/> Report the month and year in which the services were provided
F. Billable Hours for the Month	<input type="text"/> Report the total billable hours for the rate variation/discipline during the service month
G. Actual Miles for the Month	<input type="text"/> Report actual miles driven by staff that delivered the reported billable hours (only include mileage associated with travel between appointments and to transport individuals as part of the applicable rate variation/discipline)
H. Threshold (Funded Miles)	<input type="text"/> Mileage threshold used to calculate excess miles (funded miles per billable hour assumed in applicable rate model)
I. Excess Miles	<input type="text"/> Actual miles in excess of threshold miles
J. Rate per Mile	<input type="text"/> Payment rate per excess mile for the applicable service code
Total Cost of Excess Miles	<input type="text"/> Calculated as (Excess Miles × Rate per Mile)

Excess Mileage Rate Models

- ❖ You can view the Excessive Mileage Rate Models on the DDS website:
 - ❖ https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/RateReform_ExcessMileageRateModel_20250905.pdf
 - ❖ For questions regarding Excessive Mileage and/or submission of completed forms for claiming excessive mileage, please direct all inquiries and correspondence to: em@sarc.org