



Billing Guidance: Lodging Unit Changes

Alaska Medicaid members and their travel escort(s) are expected to stay in the same room when traveling for healthcare reasons. **Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2018**, multiple lodging units will no longer be authorized for the member and escort for the same overnight stay. The department will pay a single rate per night, regardless of the number of individuals staying in the room. The department will not pay for separate rooms and will not pay a higher rate for double occupancy.

Lodging Provider Billing:

- Medicaid member traveling without an escort: Lodging provider may bill for A0180 (lodging) and if meals provided A0190 (meals) for each authorized overnight stay.
- Medicaid member traveling with an escort and the escort will be present for the entire travel event: Lodging provider may bill for A0200 (lodging), A0190 (meals/member), and A0210 (meals/escort) for each authorized overnight stay.
- Medicaid member traveling with an escort and the escort will be present for only a portion of the travel event: Lodging provider may bill for A0200 (lodging/escort) and if provided A0190 (meals/member) for each overnight stay of the member and A0210 (meals/escort) may be billed for each authorized overnight stay the escort will be in travel status.
- Do not bill member units of Lodging (A0180) and meals (A0190) when the member is admitted to inpatient status.
- Do not bill A0180 and A0200 on overlapping days, either A0180 or A0200 should be billed on a single date of service.

Note: Meals should only be billed if provided by a hotel with meals.

Lodging Voucher Examples:

EXAMPLE	CURRENT PROCEDURE	CHANGE TO CURRENT PROCEDURE	HOW TO CODE UNITS
Member is traveling with no escort from 7/1-7/3	For each night of the stay: Lodging: Bill lodging under A0180 on voucher Meals: Bill meals under A0190 on voucher	No	A0180 – 2.0 units A0190 – 2.0 units
Member age 2 or older is traveling with an escort from 7/1-7/3	For each night of the stay: Lodging: Bill lodging under A0180 and A0200 on voucher Meals: Bill meals under A0190 and A0210 on voucher	For each night of the stay: Lodging: Bill lodging under A0200 on voucher Meals: No change; bill meals under A0190 and A0210 on voucher	A0190 – 2.0 units A0200 – 2.0 units A0210 – 2.0 units

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EXAMPLE	CURRENT PROCEDURE	CHANGE TO CURRENT PROCEDURE	HOW TO CODE UNITS
Member under 2 years of age is traveling with an escort from 7/1-7/3	<p>For each night of the stay:</p> <p>Lodging: Bill lodging under A0200 on voucher</p> <p>Meals: Bill meals under A0210 on voucher</p>	No	<p>A0200 – 2.0 units</p> <p>A0210 – 2.0 units</p>
Member travels from 7/1-7/3 an extension is requested through 7/7 and it's now medically necessary for the member to have an escort from 7/3-7/7	<p>Lodging: Bill A0180 for each night of the member's stay and bill A0200 for each night of the escort's stay</p> <p>Meals: Bill A0190 for each night of the member's stay and bill A0210 for each night of the escort's stay</p>	<p>Lodging: Enter units of A0200 for each night of the travel event</p> <p>Meals: No change; bill A0190 for each night of the member's stay and bill A0210 for each night of the escort's stay</p> <p>Note: Original voucher is no longer valid and should be destroyed</p>	<p>A0190 – 6.0 units</p> <p>A0200 – 6.0 units</p> <p>A0210 – 4.0 units</p> <p>* Correction of Voucher Needed</p>
Member is traveling with two escorts from 7/1-7/3	<p>For each night of the stay:</p> <p>Lodging: Bill A0180 for the member and bill A0200 for one of the escorts</p> <p>Meals: Bill A0190 for the member and bill A0210 for each of the escorts</p>	<p>For each night of the stay:</p> <p>Lodging: Bill of A0200 on the voucher</p> <p>Meals: Bill A0190 for the member and bill A0210 for each of the escorts</p>	<p>A0190 – 2.0 units</p> <p>A0200 – 2.0 units</p> <p>A0210 – 4.0 units</p>
Two members (ages 1 and 8 years) are traveling with one escort 7/17-7/19	<p>For each night of the stay:</p> <p>Lodging: Bill A0200 on the youngest member's voucher and bill A0180 on the oldest member's voucher</p> <p>Meals: Bill A0210 on the youngest member's voucher and bill A0190 on the oldest member's voucher</p>	<p>For each night of the stay:</p> <p>Lodging: Bill A0200 on the youngest member's voucher</p> <p>Meals: No change; bill A0210 on the youngest member's voucher and bill A0190 on the oldest member's voucher</p>	<p>A0190 – 2.0 units (8yr old's voucher)</p> <p>A0200 – 2.0 units (1yr old's voucher)</p> <p>A0210 – 2.0 units (1yr old's voucher)</p>

If you encounter a situation that is not described in the above examples or if you have questions, contact provider inquiry at 907.644.6800, option 1, 1, or toll-free in Alaska at 800.770.5650, option 1, 1, 1.