

Medical Reimbursement Policy 02-10

Revised: September 18, 2004

Refer Questions to: Business Enterprise Officer II

Supersedes: 98-02 dated 4-7-02; 98-02 dated 8-14-04

Authority: NAC 426.110, 426.387

MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT

The Bureau of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired, (BSBVI), in concert with the Nevada Committee of Blind Vendors, (NCBV), has established a Medical Reimbursement Program for all licensed blind operators. The total funds available annually for each licensed blind operator and the members of his/her immediate family shall not exceed \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars).

Eligibility: To be eligible to receive reimbursement for medical expenses, an individual must be:

1. A licensed blind operator operating a vending facility in the State of Nevada; or,
2. A licensed blind operator who is not currently operating a vending facility but who has retained the license issued by the bureau; or,
3. A licensed blind operator of a vending facility operating under an Interim Operating Agreement.

An individual meets the criteria of being licensed when the terms and conditions of NAC 426.110 *et seq.* are met

For the purposes of this Medical Reimbursement Program, members of a blind operator's immediate family are determined to be:

1. A spouse;
2. Children residing within the family residence who are eighteen years of age or younger;
3. Children under the age of twenty-four years who are enrolled in a full - time post-secondary education program, their place of residence notwithstanding; and,
4. Children, their place of residence notwithstanding, for whom the court has ordered that medical coverage be provided by the licensed blind operator.

The licensed blind operator shall provide to the bureau:

1. Proof of each child's enrollment in a full - time program of post-secondary education;
2. Each child's birth certificate, and certified or abstract copy of the marriage license; and,
3. A copy of the court order granting the legal guardianship to the licensed blind operator for a dependent child.

Annual Reimbursement Period: For the purposes of this Medical Reimbursement Program for licensed blind operators, the annual reimbursement period commences on July 1, of each year and expires on June 30, of the following year (state fiscal year).

Non-Transferability: The \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) Medical Reimbursement is the total annual capitated amount for each eligible licensed blind operator and his/her eligible immediate family members. Should the annual total amount requested by a licensed blind operator be less than the \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) limit, the remaining balance shall not be transferred to any other eligible licensed blind operator. Any remaining balances at the end of the state fiscal year shall not accrue to increase any individual's total annual funds available in subsequent years. The capitated total annual funds available may be increased only by a vote of all licensed blind Operators and is subject to approval by the Interim Finance Committee or the Nevada State Legislature.

Reimbursement: Claims for all reimbursements must be submitted no less than on a quarterly basis. Claims for the previous annual reimbursement period must be submitted no later than July 15th.

Reimbursement Exemption: If medical expenses for a particular medical service or series of services within a one-month period exceed \$500 (five-hundred dollars), which creates a financial hardship for the licensed blind operator, a written request may be made to the Bureau Chief for advance payment to the medical provider.

Approved By:

Gayle Sherman, Chief of Program Services

Date

Reviewed by:

Richard Saperstein, Chairman,
Nevada Committee of Blind Vendors

Date

Reviewed by:

Michael T. Coleman, Administrator
Rehabilitation Division

Date