



Travel benefits

Ilisagvik College has three different Travel Benefits available. Please note, Transcarent travel benefits only apply when the surgery is booked and scheduled through Transcarent (formerly BridgeHealth). Transplant Travel Benefits are only available if the member is receiving transplant services at an Aetna Institute of Excellence (IOE). If you are traveling for medical, dental or vision services that are not transplant related and are not booked and scheduled through Transcarent (formerly BridgeHealth), then they fall under the Airline Travel Benefit. Please review each travel benefit below.

Transcarent Health Surgery Benefit

Your plan includes the Transcarent Health Surgery Benefit

The Transcarent Health Surgery Benefit, gives you access to:

- Centers of Excellence for major planned surgeries and procedures.
- Coverage for travel costs for you and a companion.
- Provisions to eliminate your out-of-pocket costs.
- A dedicated Care Coordinator who provides service and support.

Transcarent travel benefits

Travel related criteria through Transcarent Health (formerly BridgeHealth):

1. The covered member must travel at least 50 miles one-way from home to the Transcarent Health network provider.
2. One companion (18 or older) may accompany the covered member.
3. Expenses are covered only during the period of time the covered member is under the surgical care of the Transcarent Health network provider. The pre-operative visit the day before surgery and post-operative visits immediately after surgery are included in the Transcarent Health services (formerly BridgeHealth). Once Transcarent Health (formerly BridgeHealth) transitions the covered member from the surgical episode, future claims for services will be handled as appropriate according to the provisions of your medical plan.
4. Transcarent Health (formerly BridgeHealth) will issue an IRS 1099 MISC form to any covered member or traveling companion whose reimbursements for expenses exceed the annual 1099 limits.

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Travel related criteria through Transcarent Health (formerly BridgeHealth)–continued from previous page

Covered transportation expenses include:

- First-class, non-refundable, airline ticket(s) purchased by Transcarent Health (formerly BridgeHealth) 14 days in advance.
- Fees for one checked bag for the covered member and one checked bag for the traveling companion.
- Mileage at the current IRS allowable rate for medical purposes.

Lodging expenses

Covered accommodations include one room, booked by Transcarent Health (formerly BridgeHealth) at a mid-market chain hotel.

Food and other miscellaneous expenses

Transcarent Health (formerly BridgeHealth) will cover up to \$50 per day for the covered member while not admitted to the hospital and \$50 per day for the traveling companion.

If a change in surgery date is requested, the covered member will be responsible for the cost associated with the change, including any transportation cancellation fees and/or higher costs. If the change results in the surgery being rescheduled to a different calendar year, the covered member will also be responsible for meeting the deductible (if applicable) in the new calendar year.

Transplant services

Travel and lodging expenses

Travel and lodging expenses will be covered under your plan subject to the below:

1. **Distance requirement.** The Institute of Excellence (IOE) facility must be more than 100 miles away from the patient's residence.
2. **Travel allowances.** Travel is reimbursed between the patient's home and the facility for round trip (air, train or bus) transportation costs (coach class only). If traveling by car to the facility, mileage, parking and toll cost will be reimbursed per IRS guidelines.
3. **Lodging allowances.** Reimbursement of expenses incurred by the patient and any companion for hotel lodging away from home is reimbursed at a rate of \$50 per night per person, to a maximum of \$100 per night.
4. **Overall maximum.** Travel and lodging reimbursement is limited to \$10,000 for any one transplant or procedure type, including tandem transplants. This is a combined maximum for the patient, companion and donor.
5. **Companions.** One companion is permitted per adult and two parents or guardians are permitted per child.



Transportation (air or surface – for medical, dental and vision care): Round-trip air or surface transportation) which includes :

Ferry transportation, for the covered person only, by a licensed commercial carrier (limited to three coach fare round trips per calendar year).

Before utilizing the transportation benefit, please be aware that:

- a) The plan will only reimburse the amount spent to acquire a ticket for travel. The value of mileage awards/ frequent flier coupons will not be reimbursed. Receipts and boarding passes are required for reimbursement.
- b) The trip must begin and end in Alaska.
- c) This benefit will cover meals, rental cars, and taxis up to a maximum allowable of \$400 per diem, (per trip) based on receipts. It will not cover extra room charges (e.g., telephone charges, pay TV, internet, or any other extra charges).
- d) If the covered person is an incapacitated adult, or covered dependent child under age 18, benefits will be provided for an accompanying adult. An “incapacitated adult” is a person whose ability to receive and evaluate information or to communicate decisions is impaired, or a person who is physically incapable of traveling without supervision or assistance.
- e) Lodging and ground transportation (including rental cars) will be covered the night prior to the scheduled procedures/ office visit and the day of the date of service.

Transportation within Alaska and Out-of-State (Alaska Travel:)

(a) There is a \$1,100 per trip cap for all travel in Alaska. This includes airfare, lodging, food and cabs. Escorts will not get a separate \$1,100. They will only be reimbursed the cost of their airfare.



Out-of-State Travel (contiguous United States; excluding Hawaii):

- (a) All 3 trips can be out-of-state originated in Alaska with services rendered outside of Alaska in the contiguous United States, Hawaii excluded.
- b) There will be a per trip maximum of \$1,500 for all out-of-state travel. This includes airfare, lodging, food and cabs. Escorts will not get a separate \$1,500. They will only be reimbursed the cost of their airfare.
- (c) Medical services must be rendered by a provider contracted with Aetna Choice® POS II network.

Airline travel (See eligible medical expenses)*	
In-network	Out-of-network
80 percent after deductible	80 percent after deductible
Maximum benefit per trip for all other covered persons	
\$1,500 for out of Alaska travel (excluding Hawaii)	\$1,100* In-state Alaska travel only

Calendar year maximum benefit–three roundtrips per year.

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