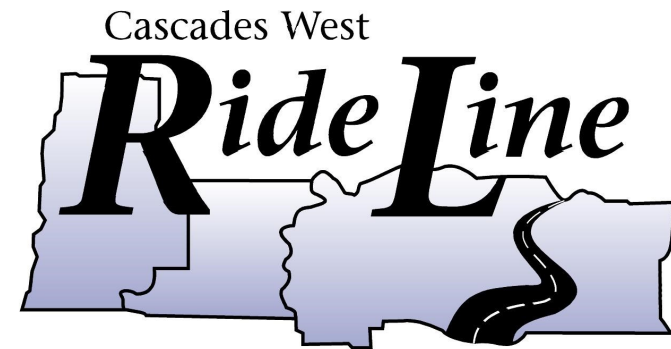


PROGRAM GUIDE



Serving Linn, Benton and Lincoln County Residents

Serving Oregon Health Plan (OHP)
and Medicaid Clients

CASCADES WEST RIDE LINE

Voice	1-541-924-8738
Toll Free	1-866-724-2975
TTY	1-800-735-2900

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Service Hours **13**

Non-Emergent Medical Transportation services may be provided 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. However, it may be difficult to arrange transportation that takes place after hours or on weekends or holidays, so please be sure to call as far ahead as possible during normal business hours to schedule rides that are necessary for these times.

Cascades West Ride Line is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm except for the following observed holidays:

- New Year Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- President’s Day
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve (8:00 am - 12:00 pm)
- Christmas Day

To receive services for urgent, unanticipated after hours medical needs, call the Cascades West Ride Line number and listen to the message which will provide a list of available providers. Call the company listed for your area and make arrangements directly with them.

A personal care attendant must accompany you if you are unable to travel by yourself to your appointments. You are responsible for providing your own personal care attendant.

One personal care attendant can travel with you at no cost. Additional riders may have to pay a fare or a shared ride cost. Cascades West Ride Line only provides the transportation and is not responsible for wages, meals, or other costs associated with your personal care attendant.



Cascades West Ride Line provides Non-Emergent Medical Transportation to eligible Intercommunity Health Network Coordinated Care Organization (IHN CCO) and Oregon Health Plan Plus (OHP Plus) clients traveling to covered medical services.

Non-Emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT) is provided to OHP Plus clients who have no other way to get to their medical services.

Rides depend on transportation provider availability; therefore, its important for you to call as far in advance as possible to schedule your ride, they can be scheduled up to 90 days in advance.

Client Confidentiality

Discussing or providing client information, except for normal business purposes, is strictly prohibited.

Client Feedback

Concerns and Compliments can be made by calling Cascades West Ride Line at:

Voice	(541) 924.8738
Toll Free	(866) 724.2975
TTY	(800) 735-2900

You should always attempt to resolve concerns through Ride Line directly. However, if Ride Line is unable to resolve your concern, you are encouraged to contact the Oregon Health Authority Client Services Unit in Salem by calling 1-800-273-0557.

Cascades West Ride Line is responsible for verifying your eligibility prior to providing services. This includes determining if you are in a managed care plan.

Cascades West Ride Line assumes full financial risk in serving a person who is not confirmed eligible by the Department of Human Services as eligible for the transportation provided on the date(s) of service. There is no cost to you for authorized transportation services.

Selecting a Medical Provider

To be eligible for Non-Emergent Medical Transportation services, you need to choose a medical care provider in your local area when one is available. Local area means “in or nearest” the city or town you live in. If a provider is not available in your city or town, you can ask for a ride to the nearest location where the service can be found.

You have the right to choose any medical care provider. However, if you choose a medical care provider outside of your local area, or not at the next nearest location where providers are available, you are responsible for your own ride; it is not a covered service.

When you need to cancel a ride or your appointment time changes, you must call Cascades West Ride Line as soon as possible.

You can call to cancel rides with a representative Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm or leave an after hours voicemail when necessary. When you are not ready at the pickup time and have not canceled the ride at least **1 hour in advance of the scheduled pick up time**, the ride is considered a No-Show.

Continual No-Shows may result in some transportation providers refusing to provide services to you, as they do not get paid if you do not take your ride. It is imperative that you make every reasonable effort to avoid No-Shows and cancel the unnecessary ride appropriately. Failure to do so may limit available transportation resources, placing undue burdens on Cascades West Ride Line and making transportation more difficult for all clients.

If you continually No-Show, then Cascades West Ride Line may impose special conditions and reasonable restrictions on your future rides, including but not limited to: limiting the number of rides you can schedule at a time, limiting you to a specific provider, and requiring confirmation calls prior to each ride.

You should be ready 15 minutes before your scheduled pickup time.

Transportation providers should arrive within 15 minutes after the scheduled pickup. For a call return request, Providers will be available upon earliest availability. If this does not happen, you should call Cascades West Ride Line.

You must call Cascades West Ride Line if you miss your scheduled ride. Do not call the transportation provider to reschedule a ride.

Driver will make their presence known either by knocking or calling. If you are not ready for your ride the provider will wait 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, the provider will notify Ride Line and go to their next destination and your trip will need to be rescheduled.



When authorized by Cascades West Ride Line, Non-Emergent Medical Transportation Providers may come to the door of the home or the main entrance of the medical facility to let you know they are ready to transport you.

- Non-Emergent Medical Transportation providers may assist you into the main entrance lobbies of medical facilities, but will not assist you into medical rooms or other areas of the building. If you require further assistance, you will need to provide your own personal care attendant. (Please see Personal Care Attendant section.)
- Non-Emergent Medical Transportation providers do not enter your room except for a hospital discharge or a stretcher car transport.
- Non-Emergent Medical Transportation providers do not help you get ready for transport (feeding, dressing, etc.)
- Non-Emergent Medical Transportation providers do not transfer you between bed and wheelchair, wheelchair and vehicle, etc.
- Non-Emergent Medical Transportation providers are prohibited from requesting or receiving fares or tips.

You can call to schedule your rides Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

You should call to schedule your ride several business days in advance, if possible, to try to avoid going on a Standby waitlist. To schedule a ride call Cascades West Ride Line at:

Voice	(541) 924.8738
Toll Free	(866) 724.2975
TTY	(800) 503-2900

A customer service representative will verify your eligibility, you will need the following information:

- Your name and birthdate
- Your address
- Your phone number
- Physician/Facility name
- Physician/Facility address
- Physician/Facility phone number
- Date of appointment
- Time of appointment
- Pick-up Time after appointment
- Medical reason for appointment (to verify covered services)
- Any special mobility needs (such as wheelchair or service animal)
- Any specific directions to your home or medical facility

Non-Emergent Medical Transportation is scheduled with the most appropriate and most cost-effective mode of transportation that meets your needs. Depending on your situation, this could be bus tickets, sedan, wheelchair van, stretcher van, or other types of transportation as necessary.

Rides may be shared. Other clients may be picked up or dropped off along the way.

When it is possible, you may be asked to try to schedule multiple appointments on the same day to avoid repeated trips.

Safety Belts

You and all passengers are required to comply with all regulations regarding safety belt use. Passengers who require safety belt extensions must notify Cascades West Ride Line of this need when scheduling a ride. Passengers with the Oregon Department of Transportation safety belt exemption card must carry the card and show the card to the driver.

Passengers using wheelchairs must use the lap and shoulder belt.

Children under age 12 must have one adult attendant at all times. The attendant may be the child's parent or legal guardian, an adult relative, an adult expressly identified in writing by the parent or legal guardian as an attendant, or a Department of Human Services employee or volunteer. The adult attendant can go with the child at no cost.

Children age 12 and over do not require an adult attendant for transportation. However, one adult attendant may still travel with children under age 18 at no cost. Remember, most medical procedures for children under 18 require adult consent and supervision.

The adult attendant must provide and install car seats that are necessary under current statewide vehicle regulations. Non-Emergent Medical Transportation providers do not provide or help clients to install or remove car seats. Car seats may not be left in the vehicles during the child's appointment because the same provider will not necessarily provide the return ride.



If you are calling to schedule a ride for your minor child, the customer service representative will also need to know your child's personal information and who will be the adult attendant for your child. (Please see Children Section.)

The customer service representative will verify that you are traveling to a covered service and have no other way to get to your appointment. The representative will then either authorize or deny the trip based on the information you provided.

Urgent Care ride requests will be considered based on same-day provider availability and requires client flexibility on pick up and return times.

If you need to cancel a ride or change an appointment, you must call Ride Line as soon as possible so that the transportation provider can be notified. You can call to cancel rides with a representative from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday – Friday or leave an after hours voicemail when necessary.

Please call Ride Line if you have any questions or changes to your scheduled transportation.

If you are denied transportation service based on the program guidelines, you will receive a denial verbally and a letter that references the rule and reason for the denial. If you feel you have been denied services unfairly, you have the right to request a Fair Hearing. Fair Hearing information will be provided with your denial letter.

If you use a wheelchair, Non-Emergent Medical Transportation providers will assist you up and down curbs only if you ask.

If your wheelchair is oversized, you must tell the customer service representative so the right vehicle can be sent. An oversized wheelchair is larger than 30 inches wide, 48 inches long, or more than 600 pounds when occupied.

If you use a scooter, you may be asked if you want to transfer into a vehicle seat for your own safety, but you are not required to do so.



Mobility aids such as walkers or canes need to be safely stowed in the vehicle once you have been seated. The Non-Emergent Medical Transportation provider will help you secure your equipment if necessary.

Portable oxygen tanks must be secured while being transported.

Service animals trained to assist persons with disabilities are permitted on all Cascades West Ride Line contracted vehicles. You must notify Cascades West Ride Line in advance if you need to bring a service animal on the ride.

The service animal must be under the clients control at all times.

