

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Pursuant to
Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-901.03

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 7, 2022

Disabled Persons and Family Support Program

Legal Basis:

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services administers the Disabled Persons and Family Support Program (DPFS) based upon Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 68-1501 to 68-1519. The program is designed to encourage:

1. Employable disabled people who live independently to remain or become employed;
2. Families living with disabled family members to preserve the family unit; and
3. Disabled adults who reside in an independent living situation to maintain their maximum level of independence.

The DPFS program is funded by state funds appropriated by the legislature. The Department has the authority to set priorities of services and service components based on available funding.

DPFS Definitions:

- Valid Driver's License is a current license issued by the State or local office authorized to license individuals for the operation of motor vehicles.
- Vehicle Registration is the registration of a motor vehicle with a government authority, either compulsory or otherwise.
- Auto Insurance is a contract between the vehicle owner/operator and the insurance company that protects against financial loss in the event of an accident.

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The Department may authorize support for disability-related expenses. Examples include, but are not limited to:

1. Architectural modification of a home to remove barriers;
2. Attendant care;
3. Disability-related counseling or training;
4. Expenses incurred during evaluation or treatment;
5. Home health care;
6. Housekeeping services for disabled adults;
7. Payments for health services;
8. Purchase or lease of special equipment;
9. Respite care; and
10. Transportation.

All Mileage Reimbursement billing will be required to show proof of valid driver's license, valid auto insurance, and current vehicle registration. Mileage reimbursement will be denied to unlicensed drivers. If the vehicle is not registered or insured in the client or authorized representative's name, prior approval will need to be submitted to the Program Coordinator.