

FI Connect Newsletter

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OTPS Transportation

Reimbursements are funded by federal taxpayer dollars, so it's important that all submissions are clearly justified and follow program guidelines. Please keep the following in mind when submitting for OTPS mileage:

- All travel must include a comment explaining the purpose and how it relates to the person's valued outcomes, safety, or independence.
- The person must be present during the travel for it to be eligible.
- Travel to medical appointments or school is not reimbursable as they are typically covered by other funding sources or considered personal responsibilities.

All submissions will be reviewed on an individual basis to ensure compliance and proper use of funds.

From the Training Department

RELIAS

All Self-Hires are required to complete the <u>Corporate Compliance Annual Refresher for 2025</u>. This important training is currently available and must be completed no later than <u>December 31, 2025</u>.

It is crucial that all Self-Hires remain informed and compliant with all New York State requirements. Failure to do so can result in disabled eVero access, corrective action, and termination.

Upcoming Holidays

This is a reminder that the following days are Agency Holidays:

🜉 Thursday, November 27th

Friday, November 28th

Staff should not be working on these two days unless they have received prior approval from their FI Coordinator.

Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable Thanksgiving week, however you choose to spend it.

FAQ

Q: What does OTPS stand for?

A: OTPS stands for Other Than Personal Services. This is a section that some people have in their budget to cover items that are not Medicaid-fundable. These items must be related to a valued outcome in the person's plan and Increase the person's independence and/or health and safety. Some of these items can include, cell phone plans, internet plans, personal use transportation, and clothing. Additional regulations may apply - Please contact your Broker and/ or FI for more information!

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