



MEPD and TW Bulletin 26-05

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To: State and Regional Operations Supervisors and Staff
Program Managers
Regional Directors
Policy Attorneys
Hearings Officers

From: Access and Eligibility Services Program Policy
State Office 2106

Subject: Mileage Rate Increase

The information in this bulletin will be included in a future handbook revision. Until the handbook is updated, staff must use the information in this bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the policy information in this bulletin, follow regional procedures.

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- [Medicaid for the Elderly and People with Disabilities Handbook \(MEPDH\)](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/mepd/policy-bulletins) at <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/mepd/policy-bulletins>;
- [Texas Works Handbook \(TWH\)](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/texas-works-handbook/texas-works-bulletins) at <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/texas-works-handbook/texas-works-bulletins>.

Mileage Rate Increase

Background

On Dec. 29, 2025, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued Notice 2026-10 adjusting the standard mileage reimbursement rate for 2026. The mileage rate is revised for state travel based on the current IRS rate.

Current Policy

[All Programs](#)

Households may claim deductions for transportation costs related to self-employment. The mileage rate for 2025 is 70 cents per mile. ([MEPDH E-6210](#), Self-Employment Expenses; and TWH [A-1323.4.5](#), Allowable Costs of Producing Income)

[SNAP](#)

Households may claim deductions for transportation costs related to medical expenses. The mileage rate for 2025 is 70 cents per mile. (TWH [A-1428.1](#), Allowable Medical Expenses)

New Policy

[All Programs](#)

The mileage rate for transportation costs related to self-employment in 2026 is 72.5 cents per mile.

[SNAP](#)

The mileage rate for transportation costs related to medical expenses in 2026 is 72.5 cents per mile.

Automation

Automation changes are not required.

Correspondence

Correspondence changes are not required.

Handbook

The MEPDH is currently scheduled to be updated in the June 2026 revision.

The TWH is currently scheduled to be updated in the July 2026 revision.

Training

Training is not required.

Effective Date

This policy is effective for all case actions disposed on or after March 1, 2026.