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MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Secretaries; Bureau Commissioners; Legislative, Judicial, and Constitutional Officers; Institution Superintendents; and University Presidents

FROM: Brandy Miesner, Chief Budget Analyst
Bureau of Finance and Management

SUBJECT: Travel Reimbursement Rates for FY2027 – Effective October 1, 2026

DATE: September 21, 2026

In accordance with [HB 1060](#) of the 2024 Legislative Session, the mileage reimbursement rate and the in-state lodging reimbursement rate is updated annually to align with rates set by the federal government as of October 1.

A. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Effective October 1, 2026, the mileage reimbursement rate will be adjusted to be consistent with the mileage reimbursement rate for business set by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), or \$0.76 per mile. If a state employee elects to use a personal vehicle for state business but an Office of Fleet and Travel Management pool vehicle is available, the mileage reimbursement rate will be set at 45% of the rate set by the IRS, or \$0.34 per mile.

B. IN-STATE LODGING

Effective October 1, 2026, the in-state lodging reimbursement rate will be based on the actual cost of in-state lodging, not to exceed the rate set by the [General Service Administration \(GSA\)](#). The standard rate of \$113 per night will apply to travel in all counties in South Dakota, except for those specifically listed by the GSA. The lodging reimbursement rate for out-of-state and out-of-country travel will not change from the current rate of \$175 per night, with an additional \$100 available with excess lodging approval.

Primary Destination	County	Maximum Lodging Rate
Standard Rate	Applies for all locations without specified rates	\$113
Deadwood/Spearfish	Lawrence	October – May: \$113 June – September: \$168
Hot Springs	Fall River/Custer	October – May: \$113 June – September: \$161
Rapid City	Pennington	October – May: \$113 June – August: \$173 September: \$113

If you have any questions regarding how these changes will impact your agency, please contact your assigned budget analyst.

Brandy Miesner, BFM Chief Budget Analyst
cc: University Business Managers, Fiscal Officers

Travel Reimbursement Rates

Effective October 1, 2026

Mileage Reimbursement

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Type	Rate	Comments
High Mileage	\$0.76/mile	Personal vehicle is used AND state motor pool vehicle is not available.
Low Mileage	\$0.34/mile	Personal vehicle is used AND state motor pool vehicle is available.
Special Needs Mileage	\$0.99/mile	Large personal vehicle is used (ex. van, truck, SUV).
Special Needs Mileage	\$0.76/mile	Personal vehicle is used.

In-State Travel Reimbursement

In-State Lodging

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Primary Destination	County	Maximum Lodging Rate + Taxes and Mandatory Fees
Standard Rate	Applies for all locations without specified rate	\$113
Deadwood/Spearfish	Lawrence	October – May: \$113; June – September: \$168
Hot Springs	Fall River/Custer	October – May: \$113; June – September: \$161
Rapid City	Pennington	October – May: \$113; June – August: \$173; September: \$113

In-State Meals

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Meal	Amount	Leave Before	Arrive After
Breakfast	\$6	5:31 AM	7:59 AM
Lunch	\$14	11:31 AM	12:59 PM
Dinner	\$20	5:31 PM	7:59 PM
Daily Maximum	\$40		

Out-of-State Travel Reimbursement

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Lodging	\$175 + tax	Additional \$100 available with excess lodging approval.
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Meal	Amount	Leave Before	Arrive After
Breakfast	\$10	5:31 AM	7:59 AM
Lunch	\$18	11:31 AM	12:59 PM
Dinner	\$28	5:31 PM	7:59 PM
Daily Maximum	\$56		

Out-of-Country Travel Reimbursement

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Lodging	\$175 + tax	Additional \$100 available with excess lodging approval.
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Meal	Amount	Leave Before	Arrive After
Breakfast	\$10	5:31 AM	7:59 AM
Lunch	\$21	11:31 AM	12:59 PM
Dinner	\$29	5:31 PM	7:59 PM
Daily Maximum	\$60		