

March 7, 2012

Attention: Medicaid Transportation Vendors

Dear Medicaid Transportation Vendors:

This letter is an update from my October 31, 2011 communication.

The Department of Health (DOH) is pleased to announce that, pursuant to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Medicaid Redesign Team initiative, the Medicaid program will cover **transportation of all Medicaid enrollees under the fee-for-service program** for enrollees of several counties, as depicted in the table below.

County		Transition (Carve-out) Date
Albany	Rockland*	January 1, 2012
Columbia	Sullivan	
Fulton	Ulster	
Greene	Warren	
Montgomery	Washington	
Orange	Westchester	
Putnam		
Broome	Onondaga	March 1, 2012
Cayuga	Rensselaer	
Dutchess	Schenectady	
Oneida	Schoharie	

* *Except Fidelis/Rockland.*

Some of you transport enrollees whose managed care (MC) plans included emergency and/or non-emergency transportation as a covered benefit. For dates of service on or after the transition date identified in the table, the MC plans in the counties above will no longer authorize or reimburse enrollee transportation. Rather, as of the transition date, all non-emergency transportation must be requested through and secured by Medical Answering Services (MAS) through the same mechanisms currently used by MAS.

Emergency transportation is to be billed directly to eMedNY as applicable. Accordingly, as of the transition date, for all trips performed on behalf of the Medicaid program, transportation

vendors will be reimbursed via eMedNY at the established fee-for-service fees for the enrollee's county of fiscal responsibility.

Trips with Dates of Service prior to Transition Date Assigned by MC Plans

For trips with dates of service prior to the transition date, the MC plan remains responsible for trip reimbursement. MAS will not accept requests for reimbursement of trips with dates of service prior to the transition date.

Trips with Dates of Service after Transition Date Assigned by MC Plans

MC plans may have scheduled enrollee's non-emergency trips for dates of service beyond the transition date, pursuant to their existing methodology and responsibility. We will honor these trips.

The table below illustrates the date by which information regarding trips assigned to you by MC plans must be sent to MAS. After the identified date, the trips will not be accepted.

County		Transition (Carve-out) Date	Date by Which MC-Assigned Trip Information Must be Sent to MAS
Albany	Rockland	January 1, 2012	January 15, 2012
Columbia	Sullivan		
Fulton	Ulster		
Greene	Warren		
Montgomery	Washington		
Orange	Westchester		
Putnam			
Broome	Onondaga	March 1, 2012	March 15, 2012
Cayuga	Rensselaer		
Dutchess	Schenectady		
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Please submit the trip information you received from the MC plan confirming trip assignment to Wayne Freeman of MAS via either of the methods listed below:

Email: Wfreeman@medanswering.com

Fax: (315) 299-2787

Upon receipt, MAS will add the trip information to their system subjecting the trip to the requirements of the MAS system as approved by DOH. ***MAS will not accept such information after the prescribed date from the table above.***

If you would like to discuss the contents of this letter, please contact Heidi Seney, of my staff, at (518) 473-2160 or via email to MedTrans@health.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy Perry-Coon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Timothy Perry-Coon, Director
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