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To: All Transportation Providers
From: Wayne Freeman
Subject: Sullivan County Taxi Trips
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NYSDOH has obtained further clarification regarding taxi transportation that originates in the Village of Monticello and the Town of Thompson. This memorandum contains important updated information from the memorandum posted on April 16, 2012 entitled Sullivan County Taxi Trips, NYS Supreme Court Order, April 16, 2012. That notice described restrictions for taxi ride assignments in the Village of Monticello AND the Town of Thompson.

This notice clarifies that the Town of Thompson has been found to NOT be included in the described court decision. NYSDOH has directed MAS to implement the following transportation change in the Village of Monticello and the Town of Thompson. Please read the following in its entirety.

Effective April 26, 2012 MAS is directed to assign taxi rides in the Town of Thompson and the Village of Monticello to the properly licensed taxi provider of choice or to reestablish the grouped rides that were in effect in Sullivan County.

Per NYSDOH MAS had already reassigned taxi transportation requests to other transportation providers through Monday April 30, 2012. MAS will implement the change outlined in paragraph 2 for all taxi trips that have already been reassigned for all trips with a start date on or after Monday April 30, 2012. Trips for Friday April 27, 2012 will not be reassigned.

Any request for **new taxi trips** that come in to MAS on or after April 26, 2012 will be assigned by lowest cost, choice or rotation. This includes trips on or after April 26, 2012.

Please do not tell Medicaid Enrollees to call MAS and ask to have already assigned taxi trips for April 26, 2012 through April 30, 2012 changed to another transportation provider.

If MAS assigns you a trip that originates in the Village of Monticello or the Town of Thompson and you do not hold a taxi license or a medical waiver for taxi transportation within the Village of Monticello or the Town of Thompson that properly licenses your business to do the trip, per the NYSDOH, it is your responsibility to immediately turn the trip back to MAS for assignment to a properly licensed transportation provider.

Please be aware that if MAS or NYSDOH becomes aware that taxi vendors are not following proper business rules regarding authority under a taxi license, a referral will be made to the Office of Medicaid Inspector General.

If you have any questions, please contact the NYSDOH at 518-473-2160.