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Sue Kelly Executive Deputy Commissioner

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Dear Medicaid Transportation Provider:

The Department of Health has developed the attached survey collection tool (survey) to gather costs and statistical information from providers who were impacted by Hurricane Sandy. The information collected from this survey will provide us with an estimate of costs and damage related to transportation providers due to Hurricane Sandy. Completion of the survey will also assist the Department in developing storm-related reimbursement policies that must be approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). We are requesting completed surveys be returned to the Department of Health by **January 9, 2013**.

The survey is designed to collect a broad spectrum of information from transportation providers and should be completed with the best information available at the time of completion. We fully understand that not all costs or reimbursements may be known at this time, but are requesting your best estimate for this survey. It should be noted that the completion of this survey does not take the place of any filings or data requests related to FEMA, SBA, insurance or other requests for public assistance. Providers should complete those processes as required. Data from this survey may be shared with FEMA representatives to assist in the processing of formal requests for public assistance.

The survey is an Excel spreadsheet, with three tabs: **Survey**, **Instructions** (on how to fill out the survey), and **Notepad** (to add information that cannot be captured on the survey sheet). Please name the document you create with your provider name followed by your 8 digit MMIS provide identification number, for example, AceRide0234356.

Completed surveys should be emailed to <u>MedTrans@health.state.ny.us</u>. Questions you may have regarding this survey can be sent to via this email, or by calling (518) 473-2160.

Your assistance with this survey is greatly appreciated and critical to assessing the overall effects of Hurricane Sandy on the health care community.

Sincerely,

Medicaid Transportation Group Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosure