

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM: WAIVER REQUEST FORM

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Name of Requestor/Contact	Bedford County Commissioners	Phone #	(814) 623-2002	Date of Approval	November 1, 2009
Requesting County(ies)/ Corporation	Bedford				
Please cite the requirement for which a waiver is being sought (from the "Scope of Services")	MATP I&R 6J Paratransit One-Hour Rule: Consumers shall be dropped off at the medical provider's office no more than one hour prior to the medical appointment. After the medical visit, consumers shall be picked up not more than one hour later.				
Briefly describe the efficiencies and/or service enhancements that will result from the waiver	Bedford County is requesting a waiver from the one hour rule to the Pittsburgh service area. Bedford County subcontracts with a transportation provider. Most of the trips are to Pittsburgh since the Bedford hospital is an affiliate of UPMC. The transporter will occasionally have to take two vans to Pittsburgh when two different individuals need to be there at different times. One trip would be scheduled whenever possible. Bedford estimates the number of trips at six to ten trips a month with days and times varying. Individuals having appointments on the same day and within the same general area would be transported together. The waiver of the one hour rule would eliminate the need to take two vans with one individual in each van instead of transporting two or more individuals in one van. Bedford County is requesting this waiver for a period of twelve months.				
Briefly describe the proposed alternative procedure	Consumers should schedule their appointments between the hours of 09:00 am and 12:00 pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, to the Pittsburgh service area. The most traveled to locations are Magee-Women's, UPMC, Children's, Shadyside, and Allegheny General all located in close proximity. The hour of pick up and drop off will vary depending on appointment times. This will ensure that no consumer has a wait time that exceeds 2 ½ hours. Transportation would leave Bedford to arrive in Pittsburgh in time for the consumer's appointment. Each trips' departure from Bedford and Pittsburgh would depend on the client's appointment time.				
Approximately how many consumers will be affected?	5-6 Per month	How will they be affected? What change, if any, will result in the level of service?	Consumers riding together may experience a little wait time. This would again depend on the number traveling together and the appointment times.		
Projected savings	Annual Savings \$10,800	How were these savings calculated? Identify assumptions (i.e., fewer trips, shorter trips, shorter wait times)	This would save an estimated four trips per month and therefore saving approximately \$900 a month.		
How will the savings be used?	Savings will be applied toward total MATP costs in an effort to contain costs. Savings would be used to offset the cost of summer and after school camp transportation.				
Briefly describe the exception process for consumers who cannot be accommodated by the new requirement	Consumers who cannot be accommodated using this means will be considered as an exclusive trip and will be transported individually. Consumers will be taken to their scheduled appointments on their scheduled days.				
Timeframe Requested	12 Months				

