

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM: WAIVER REQUEST FORM**DATE**

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Requesting County(ies)/ Corporation	Indiana County (Department of Human Services)				
Please cite the requirement for which a waiver is being sought (from the "Scope of Services")	Paratransit One Hour Rule – MATP I&R; General Responsibilities; page 12; 6J				
Briefly describe the efficiencies and/or service enhancements that will result from the waiver	Consumers are being transported on an individual daily basis to Pittsburgh for medical appointments. The average cost per client is \$297 per day, based on an average of 67.5 miles per trip x 2 trips x \$2.20 per mile. If trips were grouped together on specific days of the week, within a predetermined appointment window, the savings could be over \$140,000.				
Briefly describe the proposed alternative procedure	<p>We would ask consumers to schedule their Pittsburgh medical appointments on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and to schedule these appointments within a window falling between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>We ask that the one hour paratransit rule for be waived, so that we can transport up to a maximum of seven individuals at one time. Exceptions would be made for clients who must travel daily (for example, methadone or cancer treatment), but we would group these clients in separate vehicles. Exceptions would also be made in the event that a provider or service requires an appointment that falls outside of the trip day and/or time window.</p> <p>Scheduling is a dynamic process that will be done the day before the trip runs and will be based upon the scheduled appointments within the time window for that day. Taking into account the one and one-half hour, one way drive time to Pittsburgh consumer pick-up times may vary from day to day based upon the actual time of the first scheduled appointment. Return times will be scheduled in order to minimize consumer wait time (at no time will a consumer be required to wait longer than two and one-half hours) and maximize MATP resources. Multiple trips will be scheduled when necessary to assure that no consumer experiences inordinate waits either before or after their actual appointment time.</p>				
Approximately how many consumers will be affected?	149 unduplicated consumers per quarter	How will they be affected? What change, if any, will result in the level of service?	Consumer's level of service will not change. They will still be able to get to and from their appointments on time. There will be additional waiting times either before or after the actual appointment time, but, scheduling will be carefully monitored to keep this reasonable and appropriate.		
Projected savings	\$140,000 annually	How were these savings calculated? Identify assumptions (i.e., fewer trips, shorter trips, shorter wait times)	The average cost per client is \$297 per day, based on an average of 67.5 miles per trip x 2 trips x \$2.20 per mile.		
How will the savings be used?	The savings would be used to maintain the program's costs for new clients and increases in costs for mileage reimbursement or other paratransit needs.				

Briefly describe the exception process for consumers who cannot be accommodated by the new requirement	As mentioned in #6, we would accommodate individuals who require critical care on a daily basis by transporting separately. Even though we would still be transporting these clients daily, there is still a cost savings of grouping others together on only three days. Accommodation also will be made for consumers who must schedule an appointment outside the day and/or time window to meet a provider's schedule.
Timeframe Requested	12 months