

## **MATP Advisory Committee File Note June 27, 2013**

### MATP Third Quarter

Trips continue to decline overall by 20%, although the number of trips increased in three (3) of the five (5) zones between the second and third quarters. 2.1 million trips were reported by county programs for the third quarter (see chart below) with 128,529 unduplicated recipients served during the fiscal year. We found the biggest reduction in trips by mode to be in mileage reimbursement (22.4%) and paratransit (5.7%) based on a comparison between FY11-123Q and FY12-133Q. The program did survey several counties on the reasons for these reductions. Responses included changes in transportation schedules, the reduction in the overall mileage reimbursement rate, a reduction in certain outpatient services (i.e., STAPS and partial hospitalization), and in some cases inclement weather.

### Next Steps

- Continue to review and evaluate trip level data for trends
- Continue to survey programs as necessary on utilization trends
- Begin to reevaluate revised transportation schedules and service areas
- Consider raising the mileage reimbursement rate

### MATP Access Standards

Recipients residing in MA fee-for-service (FFS) counties and dual eligibles are limited to the closest providers from their residence. They may be transported to a more distant provider, if medical verification is provided to substantiate the need. With the majority of recipients spending a limited period in FFS before they become effective in a managed care organization, the program did not see a valid reason to have two separate standards (the closest for FFS and choice for HealthChoices). Therefore, upon notification to our grantees, recipients who are part of MA's fee-for-service system, shall be transported to a qualified MA-enrolled provider of the recipient's choice, except in the case of pharmacy providers (recipients have a choice of two). All other standards established under our policies still apply (i.e., least costly and most appropriate mode, out-of-county schedules, etc.).

**Next Meeting: September 26, 2013**