

MATP Advisory Committee Meeting
Health and Welfare Building, Room 327
July 28, 2011 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Attendees: Joanie Morgan, Tyrone Williams, Ken Porter, Michael Cvetan, Eira Andrade, Cecilia Watkins, Leroy Jefferys, Becky Stephens, Jim Pennypacker, Mike Root, Yvette Long, Fran Chervenak, Dorothy Young, Minta Livengood, Odessa Trinkle, Linda Bergman, Marsha Mathis, Sharon Love, Sonia Brookins, Eileen Ogan, Teia Miller, Chava Kintisch, Richard Farr, Sonia Brookins

Phone Participants: Rich Farr, Dave Trout, Gene Suski, Sandy Long; Shelia Gombita, Jim Farwell

MATP Budget

An overview of the MA Transportation budget for FY 11/12 was provided. Funding for the program was reduced by \$26 million (both state and federal) and allocations to the individual county programs were affected accordingly. DPW is tasked to develop several program changes to deal with the shortfall.

MATP Program Changes

Two program changes were presented in response to the funding shortfall experienced by the program: MA recipients would only be reimbursed \$.12/per mile, plus parking and tolls, for mileage going to a medical appointment and MA recipients will have a required co-pay of \$2.00 per trip, except for persons under age 18 and pregnancy.

The implementation dates are tentatively scheduled for September 1, 2011. Consumer representatives made a request to expand the exception policy, for co-payments, to include dialysis patients and other MA recipients who are receiving critical care. As the impact of the co-payment could be higher costs and an increase of at-risk patients using emergency rooms.

MATP Psych Rehab Policy

An update was provided on the MATP Psych rehab policy which clarified that the service is not eligible for transportation under the program. A delay of two weeks was granted to assist counties during the transition and county MATP offices were asked to outreach to BH facilities to help with coordination.

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