

Medical Assistance Transportation Program Memorandum MATP OPS # 06-2011-023

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Subject: Clarification of Transportation Policy for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services

To: All Statewide County MATP Offices

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Purpose:

The Medical Assistance Transportation Program is clarifying existing policy regarding transportation to Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services.

Background:

The MATP Instructions and Requirements, section 5.N, clearly states, "Psychiatric Rehabilitation Service is not an MA covered service." While there may have been some confusion regarding the provision of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (PRS), we are confirming that PRS is not a MATP covered service.

Discussion:

Several counties are presently transporting Medical Assistance recipients to clubhouses and other social and vocational rehabilitation programs. These programs offer therapeutic services that are MA compensable, but are not MATP eligible. We have confirmed that PRS is not to be added to the State Plan as a covered MATP service, and MATP county offices shall no longer transport to any psychiatric rehabilitation services.

Next Steps:

If you are currently transporting recipients to clubhouses and other social and vocational rehabilitation programs, recipients should be given 30 days notice that transportation to PSRs will no longer be provided. The notice should reiterate the continued eligibility of covered services under behavioral health.

Should you have any additional questions or need further assistance in implementing any aspect of this Operations Memo, please contact your program advisor.