

Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) Operations Memorandum MATP OPS # 08-2014-035

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Subject: Healthy PA Implementation, Eligibility and Categories in the Medical Assistance Transportation Program

To: All County Medical Assistance Transportation Program Offices

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Purpose:

To inform Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) Grantees of changes in eligible category codes for Medical Assistance (MA) transportation.

Background:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved the *Healthy Pa* 1115 Demonstration Waiver on August 28, 2014. *Healthy PA* changes the current MA benefit structure to include the Healthy, the Healthy Plus, and the Private Coverage Option (PCO) plans.

CMS required the Department of Human Services (the Department) to create non-emergency medical transportation eligibility guidelines for the estimated 600, 000 consumers who will be eligible for the PCO plan. CMS granted the Department a one-year waiver, until January 1, 2016, to formulate those guidelines. During this one-year period, PCO members will not be eligible for the MATP program.

Discussion:

The open enrollment period for *Healthy PA* began on December 1, 2014, with coverage beginning on January 1, 2015.

Program Codes

The *Healthy PA* implementation requires the addition and elimination of certain MA categories.

The new MA categories are:

MG 91, MG 92, MG 93, MG 94, PCO 91, PCO 92, and PCO 99

The eliminated MA categories, currently eligible for MATP, are:

PD-00, PD-21, PD-22, TD-00, TD-22, PJ-87, and PJ-98

Consumers in these eliminated categories will move to one of the newly added *Healthy PA* categories listed above or to an existing MA category. If the Consumer moves to an existing MA category, eligibility may be determined using the MATP Eligibility Guide.

Effective January 1, 2015, if a Consumer's Category and Status Code has changed to MG 93, MG 94, PCO 91, PCO 92 or PCO 99, they are not eligible for MATP.

If a Consumer's category is MG 91 or MG 92 they are eligible for MATP.

Please be sure to check the MA categories closely to ensure the beneficiary still has an MATP eligible Category and Status Code after January 1, 2015.

EVS/Promise

The EVS/PROMISE system has been updated to reflect the above changes. Consumers who are eligible for MATP until January 1, 2015, may now have an ineligible category on the system. These Consumers remain eligible through December 31, 2014, unless their eligibility changes for another reason.

Please ensure that transportation continues for all eligible Consumers.

Next Steps:

The Department is updating the MATP Eligibility Guide. The updated guide should be available by January 1, 2015.

Please contact your [Program Monitor](#) if you have any questions.