

**Medical Assistance Transportation
Memorandum
Operations
MATP OPS # 09/2011-026**

Date: September 7, 2011
Subject: Mileage Reimbursement Rate Change
To: All Statewide County MATP Program Offices
From: Tyrone E. Williams, Director, Division of Enrollment and Transportation Programs

Purpose:

To notify counties of the new allowable mileage reimbursement rate under the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP).

Background:

Under the MATP Instructions and Requirements Manual, counties may reimburse Medical Assistance recipients who have access to private vehicles (their own or another individual's), but cannot meet their own transportation needs. This reimbursement is at a specified rate per mile for travel expenses plus parking and tolls.

The county currently determines the rate of reimbursement, which cannot be less than \$.25 per mile.

Discussion/Actions:

Effective October 15, 2011, MATP County offices shall only reimburse MA recipients **\$.12 cents per mile** for travel expenses plus parking and tolls.

County MATP Offices are still responsible for assessing the most appropriate and least expensive mode of transportation. There is no expectation or obligation to change a recipient's mode simply because the mileage reimbursement rate has changed. Recipients currently receiving mileage that loses access to their own vehicle should provide reasonable documentation to support those circumstances.

If the county denies the request, a denial notice must be issued. However, since it would be considered a new request, services would not need to be provided until a DPW fair hearing determination was made.

Next Steps:

County Program offices will need to decrease their rates by October 15, 2011. County Program offices will distribute and/or mail notices (The Department will develop all notices) to all current recipients receiving mileage reimbursement informing them of the rate change. The notices must be postmarked at least 33 days prior to the effective date of the action.

If you have any questions, please contact your Program Manager.