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SUBJECT Reimbursement for Non-Emergency Transportation Services	BY  James L. Hardy Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs	

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to remind nursing facilities that non-emergency transportation services for Medical Assistance (MA) residents are part of the facility's MA per diem rate.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all nursing facilities enrolled in the MA Program.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Under the MA Program it is the responsibility of nursing facilities, as part of their MA per diem rate, to provide non-emergency transportation for their nursing facility residents. This includes, but is not limited to, transportation to and from doctor appointments, dentist appointments, and partial hospitalization treatment programs.

Transportation must be provided in a safe and orderly manner consistent with resident needs. Facilities may purchase this service through contract, per trip payment, or owned equipment. If an outside vendor is used to supply transportation to the residents, the nursing facility must pay for the cost of the transportation service. The resident cannot be billed for this service. Reimbursement to a facility for this service is to be made via the MA Cost Report (MA 11).

PROCEDURE:

Nursing facilities should include the cost of non-emergency transportation service for MA residents on their annual cost report for MA.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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