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Subject: Transportation Rate Changes

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Programs Affected: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MIChild, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (MOMS), Maternal Infant Health Program Providers, Children's Special Health Care Services

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) providers and authorizing parties of changes to Medicaid FFS NEMT reimbursement rates.

Mileage Reimbursement

Medicaid may authorize mileage reimbursement for NEMT rendered to beneficiaries for services Medicaid covers when policy criteria are met. Providers who may be eligible to receive reimbursement include volunteer drivers, foster care parents, individuals with a vested interest (e.g., family, legal guardian, friends, etc.), and Medicaid beneficiaries who provide their own NEMT.

Beginning July 1, 2017, FFS NEMT mileage reimbursement will align with the standard mileage rates maintained by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Mileage rates for volunteer drivers and foster care parents will reflect the IRS standard mileage rates for business miles driven, which is currently 53.5 cents per mile. In addition, individuals with a vested interest or Medicaid beneficiaries providing their own NEMT will be reimbursed at the IRS rate for medical or moving purposes, which is currently 17 cents per mile.

Medicaid will automatically increase or decrease the FFS rates to align with future IRS standard business and medical or moving mileage rates. Providers, authorizing parties and beneficiaries should refer to the MDHHS website for the most current information pertaining to NEMT reimbursement and services at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders >> Billing and Reimbursement >> Provider Specific Information >> Non-Emergency Medical Transportation.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

Approved

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