

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 7, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,
4 providing for the medical assistance transportation program.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
8 as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by adding a section to
9 read:

10 Section 443.11. Medical Assistance Transportation Program.--

11 (a) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations
12 setting eligibility requirements, need verification procedures,
13 assistance levels and other requirements necessary to operate
14 the medical assistance transportation program in an efficient
15 and cost-effective manner.

16 (b) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations to

1 coordinate the operation and management of the medical
2 assistance transportation program through regional or
3 metropolitan offices if such regionalization would result in
4 efficiencies or cost reduction.

5 (c) The department shall make fully available to all MATP
6 offices the Client Information System (CIS) or any successor
7 system designed to track and record information relating to a
8 recipient's assistance and eligibility.

9 (d) Transportation service providers shall record and submit
10 to the MATP office the name and address of each passenger and
11 the time and location of each pick up and drop off.

12 (e) The department shall develop a standard attestation form
13 to be signed by the recipient and the medical services provider
14 attesting that the recipient attended the appointment or meeting
15 as directed.

16 (f) Recipients receiving mileage reimbursement shall record
17 the locations of the trip's starting and ending points, the
18 vehicle's starting and ending odometer reading for each trip
19 direction, the make, model and license plate number of the
20 vehicle and the names and addresses of any passengers in the
21 vehicle during the trip.

22 (g) MATP offices providing transportation services and
23 mileage reimbursement through the medical assistance
24 transportation program shall satisfy each of the following:

25 (1) Transportation services or mileage reimbursement shall
26 be preauthorized by the MATP office.

27 (2) Transportation services or mileage reimbursement shall
28 be authorized only for transportation to medical assistance
29 providers.

30 (3) The MATP office shall authorize transportation services

or mileage reimbursement for the least expensive mode of transportation that is appropriate for the recipient's medical condition and physical capability.

(4) The MATP office shall authorize transportation services for the closest available medical service provider.

(5) Mileage reimbursement funds shall not be disbursed to the recipient unless the recipient submits documentation required under subsection (f) and a completed and signed attestation form.

(6) Transportation services shall not be authorized unless the recipient has submitted a completed and signed attestation form for all previous trips.

(7) Mileage reimbursement shall be calculated as equal to the lesser of the distance from the individual's residence to the closest available medical services provider or fifty miles.

(h) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

"MATP office" means any governmental body or contractor providing services under the medical assistance transportation program.

"Medical assistance transportation program" or "MATP" means the program funded in part by the Department of Public Welfare that provides nonemergency transportation to medical services for medical assistance patients who have no other transportation available to them.

"Transportation services" means contracted services provided by MATP offices to transport recipients and approved medically necessary escorts to medical appointments, including public transportation, demand responsive transport, shared ride, formal and informal carpooling arrangements and paratransit.

1 Section 2. Any regulations inconsistent with the addition of
2 section 443.11 of the act are abrogated.

3 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.