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TO: All Senators
FROM: Senator Kim Ward
SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation – **Methadone Clinic Transportation - Memo # 4**

I plan to re-introduce legislation to amend the Public Welfare Code to provide that the Department of Public Welfare require individuals who receive methadone treatment services pursuant to the Pennsylvania State Plan covered by Medicaid and who participate in the Medical Assistance Transportation Program receive their treatment at the clinic closest to their residence.

Currently, the Department of Public Welfare has a pilot program in two counties where recipients' mileage reimbursement for methadone maintenance is limited to clinics with a fifty mile limit one way. However in the remaining counties, methadone recipients choose their preferred service location and the cost of the transportation, i.e. taxi or bus, is paid by government funds.

Co-sponsors from last session's Senate Bill 1383, include: Eichelberger, Stack, Vogel, D. White, Orié, Waugh, Wozniak and Mensch.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Tiffany Price in my office at 717-787-6063 or by email at tprice@pasen.gov.

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