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TO: All Senators  
FROM: Senator Kim Ward  
SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation – LBFC’s Recommendation for Methadone Standards for Transportation Service Reimbursement - **Memo #20**

I plan to introduce legislation to require the Department of Public Welfare to implement stringent standards for methadone treatment providers to ensure transportation service reimbursements are appropriate and as a safeguard against fraudulent reimbursements. These standards will require providers to follow procedures such as:

- requiring clients to show their previous months bus pass before receiving a new pass;
- conducting random checks to have clients produce their bus pass;
- limiting the number of staff members who can fill out the reimbursement forms; and
- using a unique stamp on the reimbursement forms.

Pursuant to Senate Resolution 2010-348, the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (“LBFC”) was directed to conduct a performance audit of Pennsylvania’s Medical Assistance Transportation Program (summary attached). The Report recommends that the Department develop best practice guidelines for its methadone treatment providers to help ensure transportation service reimbursements are using appropriate provider procedures.

The LBFC estimates that requiring both mileage reimbursement and paratransit services to the closest clinic to their home could result in a total savings to the Commonwealth of approximately \$3.2 million.

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](mailto:tprice@pasen.gov).

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