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From: Patrick Stephan, Deputy Director, Medicaid Development & Administration

Subject: General Guidance: IO & Level One Waiver Transportation (Service Codes: ATN / FTN / ETN):

In keeping with our efforts around simplification, the purpose of this memo is to provide clarification to ensure consistency on the determination of group sizes for transportation provided through the Individual Options and Level One Waivers. This guidance does NOT pertain to Non Medical Transportation, which is part of the Adult Day Array of services.

Please note the following regarding individuals who share their transportation service to access other waiver services (except Adult Day Array):

The total number of people being transported for a trip should be counted in the group size for the *entire duration of the trip*. As you know, transportation can be provided on behalf of an individual, and as such ratios should not be adjusted based on distinct pick-up/drop off locations. Determination of the ratio should include all individuals sharing the service (both waiver enrollees and those receiving non-waiver services) for which transportation is being provided. An example would be:

Four individuals are picked up from *different locations* and transported to and from the mall. The entire trip totals 20 miles. Transportation for all four individuals should be listed in their ISP at a (1:4) ratio for trip. Transportation for all four individuals should be subsequently documented and billed at a (1:4) ratio for 20 miles.

Transportation services must be authorized in the ISP and miles & typical ratios should continue to be projected as reasonably as possible; similar to what is done for HPC services.

Please see below for specific rule references:

5123:2-9-06 (B) (15) Defines transportation as follows:

Transportation means a service offered in order to enable individuals served on the waiver to gain access to waiver and other community services, activities and resources, specified by the ISP. This service is offered in addition to medical transportation required under 42 C.F.R.

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431.53 as in effect on the effective date of this rule and transportation services under the state plan, defined at 42 C.F.R. 440.170 (a) as in effect on the effective date of this rule (if applicable), and shall not replace them. Transportation services under the waiver shall be offered in accordance with the ISP.

5123:2-9-06 (D) (6) establishes how group size is determined and authorizes billing for transportation services provided on behalf of a waiver enrollee.

The payment rates for transportation shall be based on the internal revenue service (IRS) mileage allowance as established in appendix A to this rule. The number of individuals in a group shall be determined by totaling the number of waiver enrollees and those receiving non-waiver services for whom transportation is being provided. *Transportation may be provided on behalf of a waiver enrollee.*

5123:2-9-06 Appendix A Page 4 Base Reimbursement Rate:

1 individual:	\$ 0.40 per person, per mile
2 or 3 individuals:	\$.0.20 per person, per mile
4 or more individuals:	\$0.15 per person, per mile

5123:2-9-05 (B) (10) addresses the documentation required to bill for transportation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact or either of the following individuals from the Division of Medicaid Development & Administration:

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Thank you very much.