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Date: August 17, 1993

Division: Health and Long
Term Care

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Medicaid Coverage of Transportation for Participants in the
Care At Home Model Waiver Programs and the OMRDD Home and
Community Based Services Waiver

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

The purpose of this LCM is to clarify the responsibilities of local districts for authorizing and reimbursing medical transportation for participants in the Care at Home Model Waiver Programs and the OMRDD Home and Community Based Services Waiver.

Transportation is not a waived service under these waivers; therefore, the standards applied to transportation for these waiver participants must be the same as those applied to the general MA population. Under 18 NYCRR 505.10, "Transportation for Medical Care and Services", effective April 1, 1992, transportation or payment for transportation expenses may be provided for an eligible MA recipient to obtain necessary medical care and services which may be paid for under the Medicaid program. The June 2, 1992 Administrative Directive, "Transportation for Medical Care and Services: 18 NYCRR 505.10", further clarifies the department's policy regarding appropriate Medicaid transportation. For example, the transportation must be provided to an MA recipient. This means that the recipient must be transported before any MA reimbursement can be considered. Travel expenses of parents accompanying an MA eligible child may be reimbursable but the eligible child must be traveling to the MA covered medical service for reimbursement to be considered.

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Both the Care at Home Program (CAH) and the OMRDD, Home and Community Based Services waiver have waived services as follows:

Care At Home Program
waivered services

Case Management
Respite
Nutritional Counselling
Respiratory Therapy
Medical Social Services
Home Adaptations Services

Home and Community
Based Services Waiver
waivered services

Case Management
Residential Habilitation
Day Habilitation
Pre-Vocational Services
Supported Employment
Respite
Environmental Modifications
Adaptive Technologies

All services should be documented in the participant's plan of care and budget.

Transportation must be to a Medicaid reimbursable service. The service and the transportation must be part of the participant's plan of care and budget. For instance, parents wishing to travel to an educational symposium related to their child's illness would not have their transportation expenses covered, as a symposium is not an MA covered service.

All transportation, except emergency transportation, is prior authorized by the LDSS. The guidelines for authorization of transportation to waived services are the same as for transportation to any MA covered service. These guidelines and others referring to MA transportation coverage and reimbursement are set forth in 92 ADM-21, Transportation For Medical Care and Services. This ADM should be referred to for information regarding MA transportation policies and procedures.

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