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	Subject: New Agency: DOHT (Department of Health Transportation)
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By way of background, approval for requests for medical transportation for Medicaid recipients is now being handled by the NYS Department of Health (DOH). Currently, twenty-four upstate counties and all five boroughs of NYC have been phased in with the rest of the counties to be added over the course of this year. This means that local districts in counties which have been phased in will no longer be the responsible agency for medical transportation issues. Representatives from the agencies that DOH contracts with to manage transportation services (Logisticare Solutions in NYC and Medical Answering Services upstate) will attend hearings and defend their determinations. In some instances, they may appear by evidence packet in lieu of personal appearance.

Because not all counties have been phased in and because in some instances transportation may still be provided by a managed care plan, it may be difficult at times to ascertain the correct agency. DOH, therefore, has agreed to be notified on all medical transportation issues* and will ensure the appropriate party appears at the hearing. In order to notify DOH, a new agency acronym, DOHT (Department of Health Transportation), has been created for use in the Fair Hearings Information System (FHIS).

Effective immediately, coding for these hearings is as follows:

AGENCY:
 NYC: NMAP/DOHT
 Upstate: LDSS/DOHT

Issue Code: 245

Staff should be aware that no other unrelated issues should be included in these requests.

*Please note, transportation to Methadone Clinics/Drug Rehabilitation Programs in NYC has **not** yet been phased in and current coding procedures on these issues remain in effect.

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