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Albany OAH Staff ⊠	Upstate Hearing Officers ⊠			
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This transmittal revises instructions in OAH Transmittal 13-003, originally issued on May 1, 2013 to reflect the change in responsibility for certain transportation-related issues.

Approval of requests for medical transportation for Medicaid recipients is now being handled by the NYS Department of Health (DOH). This means that local districts are no longer the responsible agency for medical transportation issues. Representatives from DOH or from the agencies that DOH contracts with to manage non-emergency transportation services (Logisticare Solutions in NYC and Medical Answering Services in ROS) will attend hearings and defend their determinations. In some instances, they may appear by evidence packet in lieu of personal appearance.

DOH 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), was created for use in the Fair Hearings Information System (FHIS).

Although initially not a part of the transition of responsibility to DOH, effective June 1, 2015, transportation to Methadone Clinics/Drug Rehabilitation Programs in NYC has been phased in.

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.

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