CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO.16-12, NEMT POLICY ADJUSTMENTS

DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2012

Manual: Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid

Change No: 16-12

To: County Directors of Social Services

Effective: December 1, 2012

I. BACKGROUND

ABD Change Notice 01-12, Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation (NEMT), revised NEMT policy in order to provide more consistency and oversight of the transportation program. This Change Notice revises policy to provide clarification on the additional vendor reporting obligations required by federal law. It also aligns NEMT vendor background check requirements with those placed on Medicaid providers.

CMS and other federal agencies use the term beneficiary instead of recipient. To match their terminology, as policy changes, recipient and A/R will be changed to beneficiary and A/B.

II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

- A. MA-2910 VI.C.1 is revised to add information concerning NEMT that is contracted out.
- B. MA-2910 VI.E revises the monitoring requirements.
- C. MA-2910 VII.A is revised to add a statement concerning NEMT policy for foster children.
- D. MA-2910 VII.C revises special needs requirements concerning age for required attendant and provides explanation for greater distance transportation.
- E. MA-2910 VIII.B revises requirements for greater distance transportation requests.
- F. MA-2910 VIII.D. is revised to put all instructions for completing the DMA-2056, Transportation Log, in one place.
- G. MA-2910 IX.F includes exception for public transportation vendors to criminal background check requirements and gives additional disqualification reasons.

- H. MA-2910 IX.H is revised to include information needed from vendors who subcontracts services.
- I. DMA-5048 is revised to provide space for provider explanation.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

December 1, 2012

IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

Remove: MA-2910, Medicaid Transportation, pages 1-44

Insert: MA-2910, Medicaid Transportation, pages 1-49

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a Medicaid Program Representative.

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