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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 28, 2010

TO: Ms. Sharon L. Summers, DMMA

Planning & Policy Development Unit

FROM: Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chairperson

State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: 13 DE Reg. 1504 [DMMA Prop. Medicaid Non-emergency Transportation Regulation]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Department of Health and Social Services/Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance's (DMMAs) proposal to amend its regulations regarding Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Services published as 13DE Reg. 1504 in the June 1, 2010 issue of the Register of Regulations.

As background, DMMA adopted a transportation broker system in 2002 utilizing Logisticare. It replaced a fee for service transportation system. This general model will continue under the new regulation. However, states have an option to fund transportation broker systems either as an "administrative" expense or a "medical" expense. DMMA is proposing to change transportation from an "administrative" expense to a "medical" expense with two (2) positive results: 1) elimination of the beneficiary co-pay; and 2) State qualification for a higher federal reimbursement rate.

SCPD <u>endorses</u> the proposed regulation since it will eliminate beneficiary co-pays and increase the federal reimbursement rate.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our position or observations on the proposed regulation.

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