

TO: Providers of Livery Transportation Services

SUBJECT: Claims Submission - Mileage

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

BACKGROUND: Per N.J.A.C. 10:50-1.2, transportation means the use of an approved vehicle to move a Medicaid recipient from place to place for the purpose of obtaining a Medicaid-covered service (N.J.A.C. 10:50-1.6(g)). The New Jersey Medicaid program reimburses providers for medically necessary transportation services that are provided to the Medicaid recipient who actually receives a Medicaid-covered service.

ACTION: Livery service claims for loaded mileage must be both accurate, as discharged on a route basis, this represents an individual business decision on your part. However, it is inappropriate to submit claims under these circumstances that contain inflated mileage charges beyond what is reasonably required to provide direct transportation to or from a medical provider, since the additional mileage is not medically necessary.

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As indicated at N.J.A.C. 10:49-13.1, under the provisions of Federal and State law, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services shall provide continuing review and evaluation of the care and services provided under the Program. Any false claims, statements or documents, or concealment of a material fact, may be prosecuted under applicable Federal or State laws, or both. Overpayments will be subject to recoupment with appropriate penalties as prescribed by statute.

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