

TO: All Essex County Providers

SUBJECT: "Lower-Mode" Transportation

EFFECTIVE: December 28, 1994

BACKGROUND: Under Federal regulations, a state Medicaid agency must ensure that transportation is available for clients when necessary to obtain a Medicaid-covered service. The New Jersey Medicaid program provides for "lower-mode" (non-ambulance, non-invalid coach) transportation service in one of two ways: (1) as a State-contracted service in Essex and Hudson Counties; and (2) as a county welfare agency-arranged and/or provided service in the remaining 19 counties.

Although a contract was awarded to a single transportation provider in Essex County on August 15, 1994, the contract was subsequently terminated. On December 28, 1994, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services began contracting with vendors who met the specified terms and conditions, for the purpose of providing lower-mode transportation to Medicaid clients in Essex County.

ACTION: If an Essex County Medicaid client is in need of lower-mode transportation, contact the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, 100 State Street, 4th Floor, Newark, N.J.

To obtain an up-to-date list of State-contracted, lower-mode transportation providers in Essex County, you may contact Peter K. Rosswaag, at (609) 588-2629 or Kate Strausl, Director, Essex County Medicaid District Office, at (201) 648-2470.

If an Essex County Medicaid client has a transportation-related question, he or she may contact Mr. Rosswaag, at (609) 588-2629, or Ms. Strausl, at 1-800-315-5278 or (201) 648-2470.

Questions concerning this Newsletter may be directed to Peter K. Rosswaag at (609) 588-2629.

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