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**TO:** Providers of Transportation Services

**SUBJECT:** Invalid Coach Service

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

**PURPOSE:** This Newsletter serves to reinforce the rules for the provision of invalid coach service, as indicated at N.J.A.C. 8:40 and 10:50.

**ACTION:** Action must be taken by providers of invalid coach service to ensure that they are in full compliance with the rules for the provision of invalid coach service.

Both N.J.A.C. 10:50-1.4(b)1 and (b)2 set forth medical necessity requirements and the required components of invalid coach service. In addition, N.J.A.C. 8:40-4.13 sets forth the Department of Health's rules governing the duties of each person who staffs an invalid coach vehicle.

According to N.J.A.C. 10:50-1.4(b)1, invalid coach service is a covered service when the recipient is wheelchair bound or, if ambulatory, unable to take an alternative mode of transportation (such as taxi, bus, livery, or private vehicle) without assistance or supervision.

According to N.J.A.C. 10:50-1.4(b)2, the invalid coach driver and/or crew shall provide (a) door-through-door assistance at the recipient's place of departure and destination, and (b) assistance in the placement and removal of the recipient into and out of the vehicle at his or her place of departure and destination.

Regardless of a previously obtained approval from the Medicaid District Office, the recipient's condition at the time of the transport must meet the Medicaid program's medical necessity requirements, as indicated at N.J.A.C. 10:50-1.4(b)1, before invalid coach service may be provided.

Drivers should notify you of instances in which it appears that an individual's condition has improved to the extent that invalid coach service is no longer necessary. The Medicaid District Office that authorized the service should then be alerted in order to reevaluate the individual's condition and the medical necessity for the service.

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.

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