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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

For SFY18, the majority of Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation budget was transferred from the Division of Social Services to the Division of Medical Assistance. In order to align funding streams, a DSS-1571 reporting change is necessary to ensure these costs are now charged to DMA rather than DSS. Moving forward, these services need to be coded as non-reimbursable on the DSS-1571.

Effective March 2018 services, application codes 217 (Medical Transportation Service) and 218 (Medical Vehicle Expense) will no longer be used when coding services to the DSS-1571. Instead, two new non-reimbursable application codes (517/518) will be used to record all costs related to these services. The NC-CoReLS coding details for these two application codes will be communicated to you in a separate Dear County Director letter from DHHS Office of the Controller County Admin. Once keyed to the DSS-1571, County staff will need to use the final pass from the WCA335 XS325 report to pick up the direct and allocated cost that will then be submitted on the DMA-2055 for reimbursement from DMA. The DMA-2055 code for Medical Transportation Services will be DMA 2055 HCPCS Code T2001 (Non-Emergency Transportation: Patient Attendant/Escort). Note: All costs keyed to application code 375 (Medicaid Transportation Admin) will continue to be billed as reimbursable cost on the DSS-1571 using the current methodology.
Be aware that a prior-period adjustment will need to be made for previous costs/reimbursements reported in the current fiscal year. However, to avoid counties having to action this, DHHS Controllers Office will handle the reclassification and recoupment of funds then pass that data to DMA to reimburse counties to balance the recoupment.

Sincerely,

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