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Subject: Public Notice for Non-Emergency Medical Assistance Transportation

Add'l info: The Maryland Department of Health Office of Long-Term Services and Supports is amending the State Plan to include coverage for lodging and meal expenditures for Non-emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT). This change will have an indeterminate financial impact due to the episodic nature of the request to cover such travel expenses.

Maryland's Non-Emergency Medical Assistance Transportation (NEMT) program ensures Medicaid recipients with no other means of transportation can access necessary, non-emergency medical services. It serves as a "last resort" for ambulatory, wheelchair, or stretcher-bound patients needing rides to clinics, doctors, or hospitals. Maryland's NEMT operates under a grant model with the Local Health Departments (LHDs) and the Montgomery County Department of Transportation serving as the grantees. This program awards grants to local jurisdiction agencies, acting as agents of the State, to administer non-emergency transportation services to recipients. Funding awarded to the local agencies is monitored quarterly.

The proposed effective date is January 1, 2026. The NEMT Transportation Grants program is funded as an administrative expense under an approved cost allocation plan (CAP).

The Department anticipates this change will have an indeterminate financial impact due to the episodic nature of the request to cover such travel expenses.

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