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To: Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Grant Managers

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Subject: Termination of COVID-19 Emergency Directives

Date: April 20, 2023

Note: Please ensure the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this memorandum.

The federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) is set to expire on May 11, 2022. During the pandemic, the NEMT Program issued the following directives regarding transportation during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

- [Guidance #1 \(March 18, 2020\)](https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/SiteAssets/pages/home/COVID-19%20Md.%20Medicaid%20NEMT%20Guidance.pdf)
[https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/SiteAssets/pages/home/COVID-19 3Md. Medicaid NEMT Guidance.pdf](https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/SiteAssets/pages/home/COVID-19%20Md.%20Medicaid%20NEMT%20Guidance.pdf)
- [Guidance #2 \(March 24, 2020\)](https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Documents/Md.%20Medicaid%20NEMT%20Guidance%20No.%202_3.2%204.20.pdf)
[https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Documents/Md. Medicaid NEMT Guidance No. 2_3.2 4.20.pdf](https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Documents/Md.%20Medicaid%20NEMT%20Guidance%20No.%202_3.2%204.20.pdf)
- [Guidance #3 \(March 31, 2020\)](https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Documents/Md.%20Medicaid%20NEMT%20Guidance%20No.%202_3.2%204.20.pdf)
[https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Documents/Md. Medicaid NEMT Guidance No. 2_3.2 4.20.pdf](https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Documents/Md.%20Medicaid%20NEMT%20Guidance%20No.%202_3.2%204.20.pdf)
- [Provider Alert Guidance on NEMT #4 \(April 9, 2020\)](https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Medicaid%20COVID19/Guidance%20on%20NEMT%20No.%204_4.9.20.pdf)
[https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Medicaid COVID19/Guidance on NEMT No. 4_4.9.20.pdf](https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Medicaid%20COVID19/Guidance%20on%20NEMT%20No.%204_4.9.20.pdf)
- [Guidance #5 \(April 16, 2020\)](https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Medicaid%20COVID19/2020%200416%20NEMT%20COVID%20Guidance%20No.5.pdf)
[https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Medicaid COVID19/2020 0416 NEMT COVID Guidance No.5.pdf](https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Medicaid%20COVID19/2020%200416%20NEMT%20COVID%20Guidance%20No.5.pdf)

- Hospital and Emergency Department Discharge Procedures - NEMT Covid-19 Response - Maryland State of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergency declared by Gov. Hogan on Jan 4, 2022
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:6391c096-910d-3c51-a7ef-66d0f83d24b3>
- COVID-19 Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Memo No. 6 (January 28, 2022)
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:bf195db1-d778-3c9d-9c38-f178ae303114>
- Baltimore City Hospital & Emergency Department Discharge and Transfer Procedures (February 8, 2022)
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:6ed936c6-9c3a-3b90-ab23-24ab9ba745b9>

As of the date of this communication, all policy requirements and temporary provisions adopted under the COVID-19 PHE are hereby terminated and regular pre-pandemic NEMT policies are to be resumed. The policies set forth in the aforementioned guidance and directives are no longer in effect. Standards for the administration of the NEMT Program continue to be available in the [Guide to the Administration of the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program](#).

Note: *The policy regarding NEMT for Baltimore City Acute Care Hospital discharges released on February 8, 2022, continues to remain in effect until further notice.*

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