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To: County Administrators and Regional Information Office Medicaid Coordinators
From: Robert J. Scalise
Regarding: Release of New Special Transportation Rates

The special transportation rates have been approved by the New York State Division of Budget and are in the process of being included on the Departments of Health' Medicaid Management Information System. We have attached a listing of the new rates in alphabetic order.

Special transportation is defined as a transportation service that is unique to the student because of their disability. To be reimbursable, this service requires a special circumstance and does not require a special vehicle. Special transportation services may be provided to students on the days that they receive a Medicaid-covered service (other than transportation) and both the Medicaid-covered service and the special transportation is included in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). On any day that these conditions are met, Medicaid payment for transportation to and from the site where services are provided is available. **All transportation provided by counties to preschool students is considered special transportation.**

The documentation required for the claiming of special transportation is as follows:

- Special transportation must be indicated on the student's Individualized Education Program,
- Provider sheets for the Medicaid-covered service other than transportation must be on file, and
- School bus rosters must be available. **Please notify your transportation department that these rosters are considered documentation for the claiming of Medicaid services, therefore they must be retained for six years from the date services were billed.**

The new special transportation rates for counties are effective June 1, 2001.

If you are a Medicaid Data System (MDS) user, the use of the old version of MDS will not affect your ability to bill. However, until the new version is released, the reports that show dollars claimed that are generated by MDS will be incorrect. When the history files are transferred to the new version, the reports will show the correct claims in dollars.

If you have any questions, please contact either myself or Lorraine Illenberg. We can be reached either by telephone at (518) 474-3227 or e-mail (rscalise@mail.nysed.gov, lillenbe@mail.nysed.gov).

Sincerely,

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