


ATTN: COUNTY DIRECTOR

<b>Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing</b> 1570 Grant St., Denver, CO 80203-1818	<b>NUMBER:</b> HCPF 04-017
	<b>CROSS REFERENCE:</b>
<b>DIVISION OR OFFICE:</b> Health Benefits Division	<b>DATE:</b> July 30, 2004
<b>SUBJECT AREA:</b> Non Emergent Medical Transportation	
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Transitioning Non Emergent Medical Transportation from a Medicaid Benefit to an Administrative Service; billing processes	<b>APPROVED BY:</b>  Vivianne M. Chaumont
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Beginning August 1, 2004, State Designated Entities (SDEs) shall no longer submit claims for transportation services provided by transportation providers for dates of service August 1, 2004 and after. SDEs shall continue to approve and arrange Non-Emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT) services for Medicaid clients pursuant to agency letter HCPF 04-010.

**Purpose:**

This letter reiterates the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's (the Department) NEMT billing instructions for the SDEs during the transition of the NEMT program from a Medicaid benefit to an administrative service per HB 04-1220 and 10 C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.014. The SDE shall no longer submit claims for transportation services provided by transportation providers for dates of service August 1, 2004 and after. The SDE shall continue to approve and arrange for client transportation services.

**Background:**

Beginning July 1, 2004, NEMT became an administrative service rather than a Medicaid benefit. Counties/SDEs continued to approve and arrange for client transportation services. The Department's first concern remains providing clients with the assurance of transportation.

**Action and Information:**

Effective August 1, 2004, the Department will assume responsibility for paying transportation providers and eliminate the counties/SDE of this payment responsibility. Counties shall remain responsible for approving and arranging for transportation. Counties/SDEs shall not submit claims for services provided by transportation providers for dates of service August 1, 2004 and after. Counties/SDEs shall continue to submit claims for reimbursement of mileage and bus tokens, billing Medicaid as they have done in the past.

The Department will continue to provide updates upon entering each phase of the transition process.

**Effective Date:**

August 1, 2004

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