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Subject: 2007 Medical Transportation Survey

Dear Administrator:

With the passage of the 2016/17 New York State Budget the costs for **medical transportation** are no longer considered reimbursable costs in the Medicaid Rate as the medical transportation costs are to be direct billed through the Division of Program Development and Management. Therefore, the Department of Health ('Department') will be revising the reimbursement regulations, effective April 1, 2016 to reflect the removal of transportation as an allowable costs.

This letter is to request information regarding medical transportation costs reported in your facility's 2007 cost report. The Department has included a survey which is required to be completed to identify all medical and non-medical transportation costs reported in the 2007 cost report. The current proposed methodology to eliminate these costs is calculated by removing all costs from cost center 022 of the 2007 RHCF. These reported costs may include non-medical transportation, costs which would be considered reimbursable through the Medicaid rate, so the Department is requesting a breakout to determine the appropriate amounts to eliminate. If a survey is not received then the total will be taken from cost center 022 and removed from the direct price.

Please complete the survey with the appropriate certified information and submit to the Department as an excel document no later than 6/27/2016. Send the excel document and all questions to nfrates@health.ny.gov with the subject line: **Transportation**.

After the due date of 6/27/2016 failure to respond to the survey will result in the entire amount of transportation costs reported to be removed from the rate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.M. Simmons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven M. Simmons
Director
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