

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NET) Waiver Approved by CMS

The Department is pleased to announce that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved the state's waiver application to establish a risk-based regional brokerage system for MaineCare Non-Emergency Transportation. Under the waiver, regional brokers selected through a competitive bidding process will receive monthly capitated rates to support the full range of transportation options to eligible members under the State Plan, including participants in Maine's Home and Community Based Services waivers. The waiver is approved for one year initially, at which point the State plans to request a longer renewal period.

Now that the waiver has been approved, the Department is securing final approval to release its Request for Proposals (RFP) for the program, and to formally initiate the rule-making process. The Department believes that the approved redesign of MaineCare's Non-Emergency Transportation system will result in greater accountability for the provision of accessible, cost effective, reliable, quality transportation to eligible MaineCare members without alternate means of accessing their MaineCare-covered services.