# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE

## MEDICAID NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

## 1. How much notice do I have to give MTM to schedule a trip?

MTM requires 48 hours (two (2) business days) prior notice for scheduling routine transportation:

Day of	Call MTM to
Appointment	schedule by:
Monday	Thursday
Tuesday	Friday
Wednesday	Monday
Thursday	Tuesday
Friday	Wednesday
Saturday	Wednesday
Sunday	Wednesday

## 2. Can I call with less than two business days' notice?

Transportation requests can be made 24/7 for urgent medical appointments.

## 3. How do I contact MTM to be picked up after an appointment?

If you don't already have a scheduled pick-up time, you can call MTM at 1-855-330-9131. Deaf or hard of hearing phone line: 711

# 4. How do I contact MTM if I have a service issue or complaint?

You can call the dedicated MTM complaint line at 1-866-436-0457. Deaf or hard of hearing phone line: 711

## 5. What if my ride is late?

If your ride is more than 15 minutes late, call MTM at 1-855-330-9131.

#### 6. Who should I call if I have an emergency?

Call 911

#### 7. What information do I need to schedule a ride?

Please make sure you have:

- a. Medicaid ID number and date of birth
- b. Name, address, zip code and phone number of healthcare provider
- c. Reason for appointment
- d. Street address and phone number at pick-up location
- e. Date and time of appointment
- f. Special transportation needs requests (if any)

## 8. Who can contact MTM to schedule a ride for me?

You, a family member, your caregiver, or your healthcare provider

#### 9. How much notice is needed to cancel transportation?

Please cancel transportation as soon as you learn you will not need it.

#### 10. Do I have to sign anything when I get my ride?

Yes, you are required to sign the driver's log or electronic device upon pick up of the transport.

# 11. What kind of transportation will I get?

Types of transportation available:

a. Public Bus - if you:

- i. Live within ½ mile of a bus stop and
- ii. Your medical facility is within ½ mile of a bus stop and
- iii. You can walk to and from the bus stop and
- iv. You understand common signs and direction

In order to receive transportation from the following modes of transport, your healthcare provider must confirm your need for that level of transport:

- b. Car/Minivan if you:
  - i. Cannot take the bus or walk
- c. Wheelchair Van if you:
  - i. Are confined to a wheelchair or ADA-compliant scooter
  - ii. Require a lift-equipped or roll-up wheelchair van
  - iii. Require assistance of a trained professional
- d. <u>Stretcher</u> if you:
  - i. Cannot walk
  - ii. Are confined to a bed
  - iii. Cannot sit in a wheelchair
  - iv. Do not require medical attention during transport
- e. Non-Emergency Basic Life Support (BLS) or Non-Emergency Advanced Life Support (ALS) if you:
  - i. Cannot walk
  - ii. Are confined to a bed
  - iii. Cannot sit in a wheelchair
  - iv. Require medical attention and/or monitoring during transportation

# 12. Do I have to sign anything when I get my ride?

Yes, you are required to sign the driver's log or electronic device upon pick up of the transport.

# 13. Can I get mileage reimbursement?

You may qualify for mileage reimbursement, please call MTM or visit their website at <a href="http://www.mtm-inc.net/rhode-island/">http://www.mtm-inc.net/rhode-island/</a>

## 14. How do I get rides that I need on a regular schedule (like dialysis)?

You or your healthcare facility should contact MTM for a standing order.

# 15. How do I request or change a standing order?

Call MTM at 1-855-330-9131

## 16. Does MTM provide Medicaid members transportation to a pharmacy?

Yes

# 17. Can I call if I need assistance after 6:00 p.m. or on the weekend?

Yes, you can call 1-855-330-9131, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

#### 18. What if I was denied a ride?

You have a right to appeal denials of rides by MTM, call MTM at 1-855-330-9131 to request an appeal.

# 19. What is a State Fair Hearing?

A State Fair Hearing is a chance for you to tell an EOHHS hearing officer why you think MTM's decision is wrong. You may bring a friend, relative or lawyer to the State Fair Hearing. If you want free legal help, call Rhode Island Legal Services at 401-274-2652.