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Topic: Medical Benefits

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New Policy
 Policy Change
 Policy Clarification
 Executive Letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual Update
 Other: _____

Applies to (check all that apply):

- All DHS employees
 County Mental Health Directors
 Area Agencies on Aging
 Health Services
 Children, Adults and Families
 Seniors and People with Disabilities
 County DD Program Managers
 Other (please specify):

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| Policy/Rule Title: | Rule Revision: Transportation Services Payment; OSIPM | | |
| Policy/Rule Number(s): | Amend: OAR 461-155-0693 | Release No: | |
| Effective Date: | 07/01/2010 | Expiration: | |
| References: | OSIP Manual H.17 | | |
| Web Address: | | | |

Discussion/Interpretation: The Transportation Services Payment was one of two special needs implemented in January 2010 to offset benefit reductions due to the elimination of SIP payments. Federal law requires the state to maintain a certain level of spending (called Maintenance of Effort) in this area; however, to date, spending on this special need is significantly below projected levels.

Because increased spending will be necessary to comply with federal law, and because the Department recognizes that many clients are not able to meet their transportation needs, this rule has been amended to provide for broader access. Reimbursement for non-commercial transportation (mileage only) not available through natural supports has been added to the transportation services covered by this special need.

Implementation/Transition Instructions: As per current policy regarding the

Transportation Services Payment special need:

- It is available for any activity (shopping, recreation, etc.) as long as the transportation is not covered by another source.
- Total payments are limited to \$25 per month.
- If the transportation need is expected to remain the same each month it can be verified annually unless questionable.
- Authorize on-going payments on CMS using a N/R code of TSP and the amount or by DHS 437 with pay reason 3B for one-time or retroactive payments.

Reimbursement for non-commercial transportation may be made to family members if they would not or do not already provide the transportation service as a natural support. Reimbursement is limited to mileage only at the full United States General Services Administration mileage reimbursement rate (the same rate that state employees receive). The rate is currently \$.50 per mile. A client verifies this need either orally or in writing by providing the name and location of the activity, the frequency, and total mileage per trip. No further verification is necessary unless questionable.

Training/Communication Plan: Review transmittal with staff. Contact central office for technical assistance.

Local/Branch Action Required: Evaluate clients for this special need as appropriate.

Central Office Action Required: Provide technical assistance as needed.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: Operations Committee

Filing Instructions: None

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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