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Dear Medicaid Basic Plan Participant:

The Division of Medicaid is writing this letter to inform you of an important change in coverage for transportation services. **Effective April 1, 2009**, non-emergency medical transportation services will no longer be available as a benefit under the Basic Benchmark Benefit Plan. This action is being taken in response to the Governor's Executive Order 2008-05, directing state agencies to reduce their general fund budgets by four percent.

Non-emergency medical transportation services will remain as a benefit in the Enhanced Benchmark Benefit Plan. Your non-emergency medical transportation services do not change and your coverage continues if you receive any of the following services: developmental disability, partial care, psycho-social rehabilitation, and community-based long-term care services. You can ignore this letter if you receive the above services.

Emergency transportation will remain as a benefit in both the Basic and Enhanced Benchmark Benefit Plans.

Federal law does not require the Department of Health and Welfare to grant appeal hearings to individual participants in the Medicaid program, when the only issue is a general change in the law regarding Medicaid coverage for a definable group of individuals. Therefore, no appeal process is available for this change in coverage.

If you have any questions about Medicaid transportation services, please contact the Division of Medicaid's Transportation Unit at (800) 296-0509.

Sincerely,

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Administrator

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