

# **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (MATP)**

## **MATP BASICS**

## **The MATP in Pennsylvania is governed by:**

- State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act
- Public Welfare Code (62 P.S. §§ 202 & 403)
- 55 Pa. Code § 2070, Eligibility for Services Funded Through the Public Assistance Transportation Block Grant
- MATP Standards and Guidelines (S & G)

## What is MATP:

The MATP is designed to provide:

- Access to MA compensable medical and pharmacy services
- Access to ongoing treatment of chronic diseases and care management
- Access to care with individual medical practices excluding the Emergency Room or Urgent Care facilities
- Access to preventative care (equates to fewer and shorter hospital stays)

## **Who are the Providers of Transportation:**

- County Government
- Sub-contracted Entities of County Government
- Transportation Brokerage Agencies
- Local Transit Agencies

## **Available Modes of Transportation:**

- Mass transit (buses, trains, subways etc..)
- Mileage Reimbursement
- Paratransit (includes multi-modal and taxi)
- Volunteers

## Accessing Services:

- To begin the registration process, the consumer should contact the MATP agency in their county in order to determine and complete the following:
  - Eligibility
    - 75% of all Category/Code combinations are eligible for the MATP
    - Consumers 65 years of age, are referred to the Shared Ride 65+ Program
    - Shared Ride pays 85% of the fare
    - MATP pays 15% of the fare
  - Application
  - Needs Assessment
  - Determination of Mode

## Covered Services:

- Grantee is required to provide transportation to all MA covered services.
- Examples of covered services:
  - Physician's Office
  - Pharmacy
  - Methadone Clinic
  - Urgent Care Trip(Although not to an **Urgent Care Center**)
  - Dialysis
  - Behavioral Health
  - PT, OT, Rehab
- Grantee must ensure transportation is only to and from qualified MA-enrolled providers of their choice.

## **Non-Covered Services:**

- **Examples of non-covered services:**
  - Transportation to any service not MA compensable
  - Transportation to non-medical services
  - Transportation for those requiring a stretcher or those who are technologically dependent (Ventilators)
  - Transportation to adult day programs
  - Transportation to urgent care centers



## The Provision of Services

- If necessary, the Grantee must allow one (1) escort to accompany a consumer depending on verifiable medical support, supervision, or translation needs.
- Depending on the circumstances and known factors, the Grantee may provide an attendant on the trip.
- In order to ensure that services are cost efficient and appropriate, the Grantee may sometimes request a waiver of a MATP requirement.

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- Any issue brought to the attention of the Grantee by a consumer, guardian, advocate or agency for the purpose of assistance or resolution is considered a “complaint”.
- There are times when the Grantee may, deny, reduce or terminate a consumer’s request for transportation.

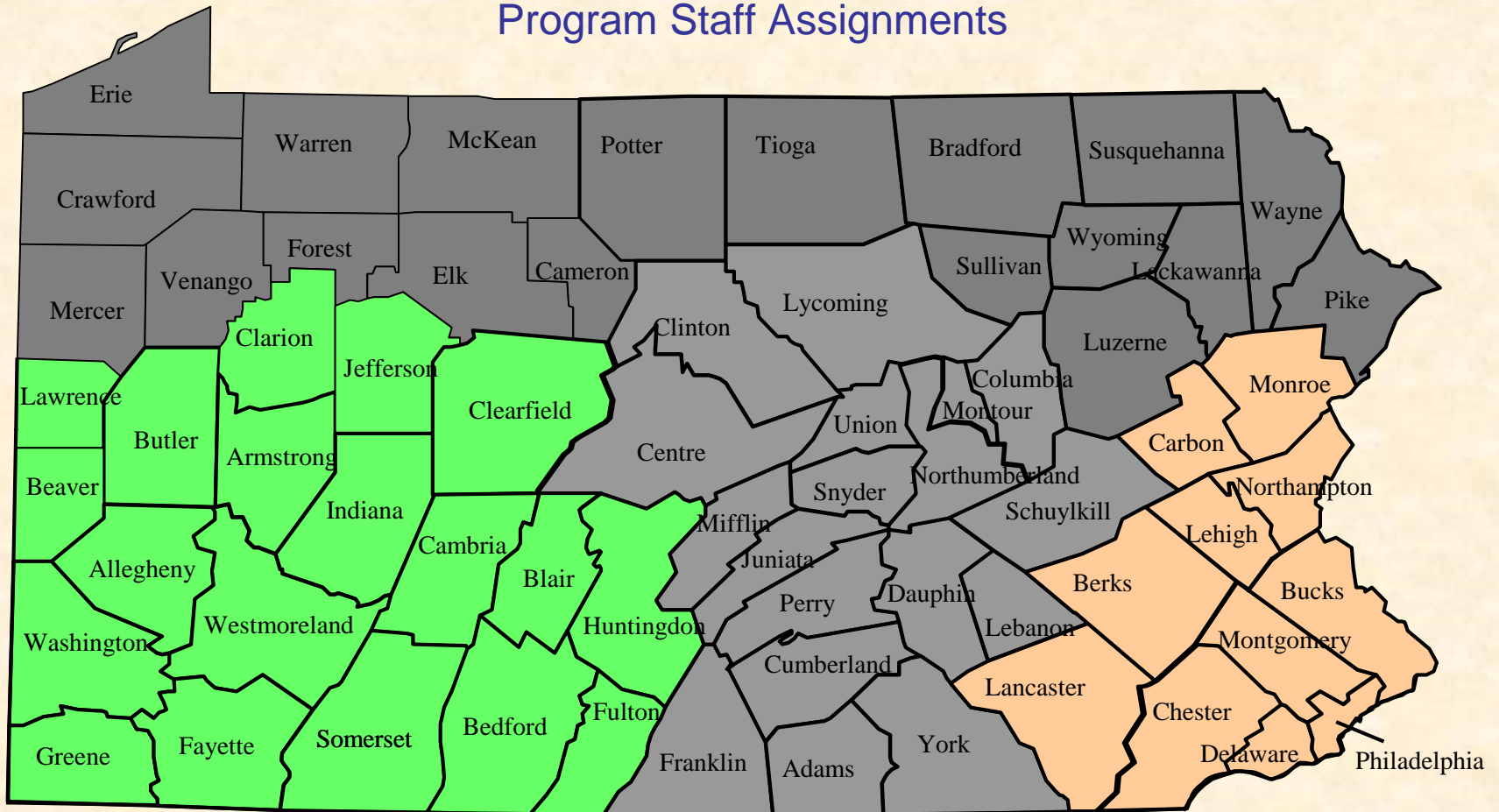
## Community Health Choices Impact on MA Transportation


- With the introduction of CHCs in the Southwest Counties and the upcoming transition to CHCs in the Southeast, there has been coordination between MATP, CHC and OIM to coordinate services.
- MATP will continue to provide NEMT services to eligible consumers and the application and access procedures will continue as always according to individual county policy.
- CHCs will provide some transportation services which are not within the scope of MATP
- All exceptional Transportation needs will be referred to the CAO or to the CHC as appropriate.

## MATP Program Changes:

- The Human Services Fiscal Code that accompanies the state budget was passed on June 25, 2018 and was effective on July 1, 2018.
- One of the provisions in the Human Services Fiscal Code is related to the Medical Assistance Transportation Program.
- The Department of Human Services is required to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a statewide OR regional broker to administer MATP services within 180 days of the effective date of the Fiscal Code.
- The Department of Human Services is currently assessing its options to comply with the legislation.
- The Department of Human Services will communicate its plans to counties and other stakeholders in the near future.

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