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TO: All Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: The Breast and/or Cervical Cancer Treatment Program-Medical
Transportation

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This message is to inform Local Social Services Districts of a change regarding authorization of medical transportation for Breast and/or Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP) recipients. This is a change from instructions issued in GIS 04 MA/023.

When the BCCTP was implemented the State assumed responsibility for issuance of prior authorizations for Medicaid transportation for BCCTP recipients. It has recently come to our attention that transportation providers have been denied reimbursement for these transports due to edits that are built into the system. These edits are designed to enhance program integrity, align transportation charges with the appropriate local district necessary and ensure appropriate payment to providers. As a result, the Office of Medicaid Management staff is no longer able to issue transportation prior authorizations for BCCTP.

Effective immediately BCCTP recipients who contact State staff regarding medical transportation will be directed to local district transportation staff in their county of residence. The county must apply the same rules used for prior authorization of medical transportation of other MA recipients to BCCTP recipients.

All other aspects of the BCCTP case will continue to be administered by State staff (District 99). While the recipient is enrolled in the BCCTP program they have full Medicaid coverage (01) and there is an enhanced federal share of 65%.

State staff will continue to work closely with local district staff to assure effective coordination of care and services for the BCCTP recipient.

Additionally, any transportation claims denied solely as a result of the process will be recycled and processed for payment.