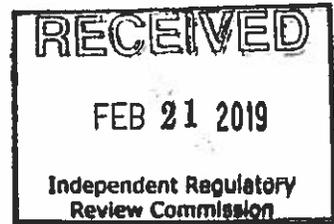


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I also would like to comment that the Transportation service which is supervised by two brokerages MTM and CTS is not working consumers on waivers. This is because if the trip is brokered the consumers does not know who will pick them up or return them home. The MCO and the transit providers have not coordinated the waiver services. Many are confused about the correct method to utilized services

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The Office of Human Services decide to revamp the Medical Assisiance Transportation Program in which it would operate under a brokerage system. These proposed changes in how MATP is funded and delivered will huge negative impact on users in Rural areas and to providers with limited funding. I believe that this will drive up the cost of use for both parties Many users rely on this service to transport them to medical appointments, therapies and, pharmacies This service provides freedom for users to address medical needs.i urge the state and the Office of Human Services to pull back their efforts and consider a in-depth review

And as the implementation of LYFT and Uber as providers in the pwds Transit; I welcome any provider that will open up additional venues for independent Living and employment. Many Uber and LYFT drivers in urban and suburban areas and not in rural areas where they are most needed. Many drivers do not have accessible vehicles which is another barrier.