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Update Regarding Mileage Reimbursement Change

ODP Communication Number: Alert 031-10

Audience: **All interested parties**

Purpose: **On December 31, 2009 the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) released an alert announcing that the rate for mileage reimbursement would change to \$0.50 per mile effective January 1, 2010.**

Effective July 1, 2010, procedure code W7271 (Transportation – Mile) will no longer be available as a traditional provider service. Based on the mileage reimbursement rate change that took place on January 1, 2010, ODP recommends that all providers transition to the vendor model for procedure code W7271 (Transportation – Mile) effective January 1, 2010. Transitioning to the vendor model will require only one update to the plan at this time, and will position providers, Supports Coordinator Organizations (SCOs) and Administrative Entities (AEs) for an efficient Fiscal Year plan renewal process.

ODP will contact those providers, SCOs, and AEs who have plans with procedure code W7271 (Transportation – Mile) currently authorized. More detailed instructions will be distributed to those impacted.

Given the changes, AEs should **NOT** approve plans with new additions of procedure code W7271 (Transportation - Mile) as a traditional provider service with dates of service after January 1, 2010. This service should be authorized only for vendors or AWC and VF/EA FMS effective January 1, 2010.

Any questions regarding this communication concerning the use of W7271 (Transportation – Mile) should be directed to the appropriate ODP Regional Office.