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To Transportation Providers:

The Department of Children and Families has made adjustments to the transportation rates published on the Advanced Behavioral Health (ABH) website at: <http://www.abhct.com/News_Resources/DCF_Credentialing/Transportation/> under Service Definition and Reimbursement and then Fee Schedule. The rates will be effective as of October 1, 2014.

In addition, the Department has made changes to the Transportation Provider Agreement with regard to CPR, First Aid Certification, Car Seat Training, and transporting children under 5 years old.

With respect to Car Seat Training, as the current educational offerings do not meet the needs of our providers, the Department is eliminating the requirement that transportation providers be Certified Technicians in this area. However, it is the responsibility of all transportation providers to comply with CT State Law regarding car seat safety. Please refer to the attached link for information on Child Restraint Systems <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2006/sup/Chap246.htm#Sec14-100a.htm>.

Information about CPR, First Aid Certification, and Car Seat Training also can be found on the ABH website at: <http://www.abhct.com/News_Resources/DCF_Credentialing/Transportation/> under Provider Agreements for Services.

With regard to transporting young children, the Department’s Regional Administrators have decided that children between 0-5 years old will only be transported by foster parent, DCF staff or other people who are familiar to them. Each office will be working on transitioning any current transportation scheduled with outside providers over the next few weeks.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ann Adams at ann.adams@ct.gov

Sincerely,

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