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## **Arapahoe County conducts financial review of Medicaid Transportation program**

An internal review into Arapahoe County's Medicaid Transportation program is underway after a preliminary audit of the program found the County was behind in its billings.

The concerns were discovered during a recent analysis of the multi-county transportation brokerage program, which is being transitioned over to the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing during the next 30 to 60 days. The County was conducting the financial review to ensure a smooth transition of the program to the State.

Since October 2002, Arapahoe County has been the primary non-emergency Medicaid Transportation broker for eight counties serving clients in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson and Larimer. In June, HCPF approached Arapahoe County about overseeing the program statewide, but Arapahoe County declined, citing recent changes in State law that capped the amount of funding available to administer the program.

Arapahoe County will continue to provide transportation services to Medicaid clients during the transition of the program to the State. Transportation Services operated by Arapahoe County and funded by the federal Older Americans Act in Arapahoe, Denver and Douglas counties will not be affected.

Since the program's inception, Arapahoe County has provided \$5.9 million of Medicaid Transportation services, of which \$4.9 million so far has been reimbursed by the State. The review will help the County determine the amount of payments still pending. A preliminary review indicates the County has not yet submitted numerous invoices for reimbursement from other participating counties and HCPF for Medicaid Transportation Services rendered.

The County will hire outside auditors to assist in the review. To ensure an impartial review, six employees are on paid administrative leave, including the Community Services Director. Rita Pollock, Information Technology Director, will serve as acting Community Services Director in the interim.

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