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## **Arapahoe County ends turn as multi-county Medicaid transportation broker**

*County will work closely with State to ensure seamless transition of its transportation brokerage program*

**Littleton, Colo.** On July 1, Arapahoe County Community Services will begin to transition its non-emergency Medicaid transportation brokerage program that serves eight front-range counties, to the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF). Arapahoe County became the primary Medicaid transportation broker for the eight counties on Oct. 1, 2002, serving clients in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson and Larimer counties.

The transition is expected to take 30 to 60 days, after which time the services may be managed by HCPF. Arapahoe County will continue to provide transportation services to Medicaid clients during the transition period. Transportation services operated by Arapahoe County and funded by the federal Older Americans Act in Arapahoe, Denver and Douglas counties will not be affected.

In June, HCPF approached Arapahoe County about overseeing the program statewide. Recent changes in State law capped the amount available for the transportation program, and Arapahoe County declined, believing funding to be insufficient to continue providing brokerage services. A review of the cost of the program is underway.

HCPF will determine how to provide Medicaid transportation services for the entire State, and leverage those funds for cost-effective operations. The County will enter into a memorandum of understanding with the State during the transition period.

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