

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
AGENDA  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019  
3:30 P.M.**

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Rob Sassi, Chair  
Mike Anagnostakis, Janet Sutherland, Michael Amo, James D. O'Donnell, Laurie R. Tautel, Peter V. Tuohy

**I. DARCIE MILLER, COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH**

- a. **Monthly Report(s) – May & June**
- b. **DISCUSSION – Medicaid Transportation**

**II. MICHAEL AMO, LEGISLATOR**

**Resolution requesting the New York State Commissioner of Health to adjust the Medicaid Transportation reimbursement fee schedule for Orange County**

**III. CHRISTIAN FARRELL, DIRECTOR, VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY**

**Request to accept and appropriate funds received via individual donations to the Orange County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, \$610.00 (LR#170)**

# ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

II.

**Committees:** **Human Services; Health and Mental Health; Rules, Enactment and Intergovernmental Relations**

**Sponsors:**

**Co-Sponsors:**

**Agenda No.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019**

## **RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH TO ADJUST THE MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT FEE SCHEDULE FOR ORANGE COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, Orange County consists of three (3) cities, twenty-one (21) towns, nineteen (19) villages and 812 square miles which creates challenges for Orange County non-motorized residents to get transportation to doctors' appointments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health provides Medicaid transportation reimbursement fees to taxi, livery and van services who participate in the state's program;

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of this Legislature, that in Orange County, the pick-up and drop-off state Medicaid reimbursement fee for taxi, livery and van service is \$4.11, while in the three contiguous counties, the pick-up and drop-off fee is \$10.55 for Rockland County, \$10.37 for Ulster County and \$10.35 for Sullivan County. On average, the NYS Medicaid Transportation Fee Schedule, is \$6.31 less per pick-up and drop-off from neighboring counties. This Legislature has also come to learn that the rate per mile in surrounding counties is \$2.50 per mile, while the rate per mile in Orange County is \$1.86, a difference of 64 cents.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that, We, the Orange County Legislature, respectfully request that the Commissioner of Health, review the Medicaid transportation reimbursement fees for Orange County and adjust such fees upwards to be compatible with contiguous counties fee schedule rates; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized to forward certified copies of this resolution to Commissioner Howard Zucker, M.D. New York State Department of Health, to each member of the State Senate and Assembly whose districts include all or part of Orange County and to the Orange County Commissioner of Health and Mental Health and Social Services.

**DATED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**

**STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF ORANGE**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I, JEAN M. RAMPPEN**, Clerk of the County Legislature of said County of Orange, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in my office and which was passed by the County Legislature of said County of Orange on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019 and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and the whole thereof.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of said County Legislature this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

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Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Orange

April 4, 2019

Commissioner Howard Zucker, M.D.  
New York State Department of Health  
Corning Tower  
Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12237

Dear Commissioner Zucker,

We write to you today to request further information on the methodology the Department of Health uses to calculate Medicaid transportation reimbursement fees. We also request you make the necessary adjustments to the formula to ensure that Orange County's rates are comparable to those of surrounding counties. The particular fees that need adjustment are found in procedural code A0100 of the NYS Medicaid Transportation Fee Schedule (Taxi, Livery, Van), which we have attached for your review.

In Orange County the pickup and drop-off fee reimbursement for taxi, livery, and van service is \$4.11, while in the three contiguous counties the pickup and drop-off fee is as follows: Rockland County - \$10.55, Ulster County - \$10.37, Sullivan County - \$10.35. That amounts to an average discrepancy of \$6.31 per pickup and drop-off. This puts Orange County at a significant disadvantage. Additionally, the rate per mile in surrounding counties is \$2.50 per mile whereas the rate per mile in Orange County is significantly lower at \$1.86 per mile.

With 3 cities, 21 Towns, 19 Villages, and 812 square miles, transportation to doctor appointments can be difficult. Our constituents who utilize Medicaid rely upon taxi companies that have seen decreased revenues due to ridesharing in New York State. The large disparity between the reimbursement rates for Orange County and surrounding counties has exacerbated this hardship.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If we can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Aileen Gunther  
Member of Assembly

Jonathan Jacobson  
Member of Assembly

Karl Brabenec  
Member of Assembly

Colin Schmitt  
Member of Assembly

Brian Miller  
Member of Assembly

Karl A. Brabenec <kbrabenec@gmail.com>

7/12/19 1:54 pm

## Fwd: Medicaid Reimbursement Rate Figures - Taxis, Vans, Livery, Ambulette

To Michael Amo <mamo46@optonline.net>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Karl A. Brabenec** <kbrabenec@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jul 3, 2019, 1:44 PM

Subject: Medicaid Reimbursement Rate Figures - Taxis, Vans, Livery, Ambulette

To: Michael Amo <mamo46@optonline.net>

Here are some of the Hudson Valley rates...

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Westchester County  
Pickup - \$20.00  
Drop off - \$20.00  
\$2.54 per mile

Sullivan County  
Pickup - \$10.35  
Drop off - \$10.35  
\$2.65 per mile

Rockland County  
Pickup - \$10.55  
Drop off - \$10.55  
\$2.31 per mile

Orange County  
Pickup - \$4.11  
Drop off - \$4.11  
\$1.86 per mile

Codes effected:

AMBULETTE A0100 NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION: WHEEL-CHAIR VAN  
AMBULETTE A0100 NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION; TAXI  
TAXI/LIVERY/VAN A0100 NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION; TAXI  
TAXI/LIVERY/VAN A0100 NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION; TAXI  
TAXI/LIVERY/VAN A0110 NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AND BUS, INTRA OR INTER STATE CARRIER  
AMBULETTE T2005 NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION; NON-AMBULATORY STRETCHER VAN

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# County of Orange LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FORM

Legislative Request #: (rev. 1/19)

2019 + 170

(County Executive Dept.'s Use Only)

DATE: * 6/21/2019	DATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION REQUIRED: *	DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Veterans
SYNOPSIS: * Requesting permission for approval and appropriation of funds received via individual donations to the Orange County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, and for our Cemetery budget (org 881001) to be increased by the total of these donations to Y-E.		
<u>III</u>		
(1010.881001.571080)		
INITIAL CF		DATE 6/25/19

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL	
COMMENTS	
INITIAL APM/11	DATE 7-3-19

COUNTY ATTORNEY APPROVAL	
COMMENTS	
INITIAL LCC	DATE 7/3/19

HUMAN RESOURCES – DEPARTMENT REQUEST		
TITLE: *	GRADE: *	STEP: *
DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: *		
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT COMMENT:		
INITIAL [Signature]		DATE 7/9/19

BUDGET					
BUDGETED: *	AMOUNT *	FUNDING – STATE: *	FUNDING – FEDERAL: *	OTHER FUNDING: *	FUNDING – COUNTY: *
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					\$ 0.00
BUDGET COMMENTS: Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$610. for individual donations received. Funds to be added to cemetery supplies.					
INITIAL DS				DATE 7/10/19	

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S FINAL APPROVAL	
COMMENTS	
INITIAL APM/11	DATE 7-15-19

LEGISLATIVE ACTION: (SYNOPSISIZE VOTING AND COMMENTS)			
STATUTORY: *	NAME: ✓ Human Services	DATE: 8/20/19	TIME: 3:30p.m.
*	NAME:	DATE:	TIME:
*	NAME:	DATE:	TIME:
*	NAME:	DATE:	TIME:
SPECIAL: **	NAME: need 7/15/19	DATE:	TIME:

## Farrell, Christian

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**From:** Derosé, Kathlee  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2019 1:47 PM  
**To:** Farrell, Christian  
**Cc:** Krasinski, Evelyn; Grogan, Colleen; Riordan, Gretchen; Dumm, Mary; Miller, Cynthia  
**Subject:** Donations

Hi Christian,

As per our earlier conversation, I spoke to Colleen, who agreed with the direction we discussed regarding the donations your department received for use in your cemetery.

The following is a brief outline of the steps you need to take.

- Prepare the donation checks you have received for deposit by Finance. Complete a yellow CR form and use the following accounting: 1010.881001.427051 (General Fund . Cemetery . Gifts & Donations). Forward to Finance as you would normally send a CR with checks.
- Contact Budget as you will need to prepare a Legislative Request asking that the county accept these donation and for your Cemetery budget (org 881001) (into a line item you want to increase to use these donation for) to be increased by the total of these donations. The offset to this budget increase request is the revenue listed above that you have already deposited these funds into (1010.881001.427051).
- If this goes to Resolution and is approved and signed off by the CE's office, then your 2019 budget will be increased and you can use these funds are then available for use.

Have a great day,

Kathy

*Kathy DeRose*

*Director of Accounts*

*Orange County Office of the Commissioner of Finance*

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