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To: ctp2040@DOT
Subject: re: non emergency medical transportation

My name is Joni and I am with Case Management Transportation, a non-emergency transportation provider. I came across the 2010 DOT Mobility Action Plan online, and was interested to read that the committee, at that time, was discussing the eventual use of brokerages for coordinating transportation needs. Did this come to fruition in California? What about the use of independent contractors?

Briefly, in regards to the long-range transportation plan, we have found that if injured workers could be approved for the medical attention they need more quickly and provided transportation (as in the first few weeks) they would require many less visits to the doctor, would recover faster and could get back to work. As it is now, most of the hundreds of people we have driven, are denied over and over for immediate care, their injuries become permanent and they need on going transportation assistance.... for years. Many folks don't know they can be transported and attempt to drive themselves....while medicated! It seems like our business could help cut cars on the road; its carpooling of a sort, and definitely safer for the person who is injured. Just my two cents!

We have been in business since 2007 and our niche is transporting injured workers (workers comp) from rural areas (Butte, Yuba, Sutter, Glenn, Nevada, Colusa, and Nevada counties, usually) to their medical appointments. We currently receive our assignments through brokers. So we understand the process, but we are wondering how we can be better accessed by our community. If it is helpful, we have been accredited by the CTAA for driver safety, CPR, and First Aid. Also, we have passed background checks and drug testing.

If you should have any more information or someone that we can contact, I would be most appreciative.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

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