

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



November 30, 2015

### **Important Legislative Changes for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Providers Including Providers of Common Carrier and Special Transportation Services**

The 2015 Minnesota Legislature made some significant changes to requirements relating to Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Services (Common Carrier and Special Transportation Services). Changes go into effect on January 1, 2016, and July 1, 2016. It is your duty as providers of Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Services to comply with these requirements.

*Note: Volunteer common carrier providers are excluded from these legislative changes.*

#### **See the link below for more detailed information:**

- Changes made by Minnesota Session Laws Chapter 71, Article 11  
<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/laws/?year=2015&type=0&doctype=Chapter&id=71&format=pdf>
- **Important changes to documentation requirements are found in [Minn. Stat. § 256B.0625](#), subdivision 17b.** Providers must ensure all documentation requirements are met.

#### **Some high level highlights:**

**Effective date:** January 1, 2016

- **Section 7: Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 174.30, subdivision 10. Background studies.** (a) Providers of special transportation service regulated under this section must initiate background studies in accordance with chapter 245C.
- **Section 8: Minn. Stat §245C.03, subdivision 12. Providers of special transportation service.** The commissioner shall conduct background studies on any individual required under section 174.30 to have a background study completed under this chapter.

**Effective date:** July 1, 2016

- **Section 3: Minn. Stat §174.29, subdivision 1. Definition.** Adds language to the definition “special transportation service” to include nonemergency medical transportation services.
- **Section 4: Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 174.30, subdivision 3. Other standards; wheelchair securement; protected transport.** (a) A special transportation service that transports individuals occupying wheelchairs is subject to the provisions of sections 299A.11 to 299A.18 concerning wheelchair securement devices.
- **Section 5: Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 174.30, subdivision 4. Vehicle and equipment inspection; rules; decal; complaint contact information; restrictions on name of service.** (a) The commissioner shall inspect or provide for the inspection of vehicles at least annually. In addition to scheduled annual inspections and reinspections scheduled for the purpose of verifying that deficiencies have been corrected, unannounced inspections of any vehicle may be conducted.

#### **What happens if providers do not comply?**

Your contract will be terminated by June 30, 2016, if you don't comply with these requirements.

#### **Questions?**

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.