

Brief Overview on the Changes in Medicaid Transportation  
and its  
Affects on Metro Transit

Effective July 1, 2011, the State of Wisconsin implemented a statewide Medicaid transportation brokerage. Recipients in Family Care, Managed Care Organizations, Milwaukee and six surrounding counties, and recipients in Nursing homes were excluded.

The chart lists Metro’s coordinated agreements and which ones are affected by the brokerage.

Metro Paratransit Coordinated Funding Agreements			
Agreement	Medicaid Funded	Impacted by Brokerage	Metro Average Annual Revenue (Expense)
Medicaid Common Carrier	Yes	Yes	\$102,000
Care Wisconsin	Yes	Yes	\$40,000
MA Waiver	Yes	No	\$2,900,000
Elderly and Handicapped	No	No	\$147,000
Group Access Service	No	No	(\$154,000)
RSVP	No	No	(\$66,000)
Exceptional Rides	Yes	No	(\$43,000)

As of June 30th, Metro paratransit ridership is at or below last year’s. Revenues and expenses are on or near budget. We expect that to change for the last 6 months of the year. We are not able to project if expenses will decrease in the same amount as revenues.

In anticipation of these events, Metro believes we have the tools in place continue to manage these changes. These tools include: Agency Fares, working with our partners, communicating with customers, and meeting with LogistiCare representatives. Our concern has been both that Metro is able to meet the demand for service, that we share our community resources, and in turn that funding is shared for eligible trips.

The impact to Metro Transit has been:

1. Metro Transit’s agreement with Dane County to coordinate Medicaid Common Carrier transportation is no longer in effect.
2. Metro Transit agreement with Care Wisconsin will need to be re-negotiated or an alternative arrangement developed in order to coordinate trips.
3. The Medicaid broker, LogistiCare Solutions, LLC., has made an initial purchase of fixed route fare media of 600 10-ride cards and 100 31-day S/D passes for \$11,500.
4. Dane County area nursing homes not included in the brokerage have requested trips for customers whose trips were previously funded through our Common Carrier agreement.
5. Metro contacted all of our customers that were participating in the affected programs about the changes to make sure they understood what they need do to make ride arrangements.
6. Metro contacted all of the local agencies that order and purchase paratransit quick tix in bulk amounts and asked them to stock up. Metro has since stopped selling bulk paratransit ticket orders.