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Dear Air Ambulance Provider:

In December 2009, the Department requested fee information from air ambulance services nationwide in an attempt to recalibrate the Medicaid fee. As the majority of pickup locations are urban areas (e.g., Buffalo, New York City, etc.), the Medicaid program has adopted the established Medicare (urban) air ambulance fee schedule. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2011, the Department has implemented the fees below for fixed wing air ambulance services provided to Medicaid enrollees:

Service	Fee	Procedure Code
Base	\$2,842.29	A0430
Mileage	\$8.06	A0435

As Medicaid enrollees utilize approximately thirty one-way fixed wing air ambulance trips per year, we must ensure that fixed wing air ambulance transportation is available when necessary. Please confirm whether you will participate as a Medicaid provider at the above fees for air ambulance services. Your confirmation should be sent via email to Medicaid Transportation Policy Unit staff at MedTrans@health.state.ny.us.

Should you have any questions, please contact Medicaid Transportation Policy Unit staff at (518) 473-2160 or via email to the address above. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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